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PLAINTIFF'S STORY.

BRITISH COUPLE SUE LADY OF BOARDING HOUSE.

"LOCKED OUT," THEY SAID.

That after he and his wife had been locked out of their room (in which was their luggage) the Police advised him "to get a great hammer and smash the door in" was reluctantly admitted by one of the joint plaintiffs in a Summary Court action heard this morning, in which all parties are foreigners.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Howarth, now living at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, sued Mrs. L. R. Castellani, of No. 2a, Queen's-road Central, for damages.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara was for plaintiffs. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, Sr., defended.

At the outset, the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice P. Jacks) gave leave for the writ to be amended so that defendant's name would read Mrs. L. R. Young as she had married shortly after the writ was issued. Mr. Macnamara, in his opening, said that the facts and the law concerning the case were simple. He was surprised by his "friend's" formidable library of legal works on counsel's table.

Mr. and Mrs. Howarth, according to the case for them, took a bedroom and private bathroom at Mrs. Young's for \$65, for a fixed period of one month (August), at \$65 prepaid, meals consumed to be charged for at 50 cents each.

SAW THE BAILIFF.

On Aug. 14, Mr. Howarth said he was going to Australia at the end of the month. Mrs. Young then asked Mrs. Howarth if she were going to pay any compensation in lieu of notice. Mrs. Young asked for \$32.50 but Mrs. Howarth refused to pay as she had taken the room for the fixed period of one month.

On Aug. 27 Mrs. Young said definitely that she intended to take proceedings. Mr. and Mrs. Howarth dined in Kowloon and stayed the night there.

On the morning of Aug. 28 Mr. and Mrs. Howarth returned to Mrs. Young's where they found they had been locked out and forcibly prevented from getting their baggage. They went to the Police, then to the bailiff at the Supreme Court, then to Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist (who they found out were acting for Mrs. Young) and then to Messrs. Deacons who advised them to pay the \$32.50 under protest.

A LODGER'S GOODS.

After "a lot of trouble," their property was returned to them on Aug. 29.

Continuing, Mr. Macnamara said that the \$32.50 was subsequently returned by Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist. Hereupon Mr. d'Almada, Jr., interposed to say that the return had been made without his consent.

Mr. Macnamara asserted that no distress warrant had been taken out by Mrs. Young. Hers was a lodging house, he added, and not a keeper's house; and there was no right to have any lien on the goods of a lodger.

The sum of \$32.50 had been claimed by Mrs. Young in effect, said Mr. Macnamara, as damages for breach of an alleged contract by Mr. and Mrs. Howarth to take the room on a monthly tenancy. Mrs. Young was not justified in shutting them out and detaining their goods. Further, her conduct very seriously aggravated the case against her.

MR. HOWARTH'S RELUCTANCE.

In the witness box, Mrs. Howarth said that she got her luggage back at 12 noon on Aug. 29, it being thrown out on the pavement. She stated that Mrs. Young claimed to have had a distress warrant. She and her husband, by reason of Mrs. Young's action, had been unable to take their passage to Australia on the s.s. "Tanda" which left on Aug. 31. She would now have to stay on at the Palace Hotel until Sept. 28 and she had paid \$200 in advance there.

Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada, Jr., witness denied that Mrs. Young had intimated that the tenancy was to be a monthly one, and that she would require a month's notice. Their luggage consisted of four trunks and about six suitcases.

Mr. Howarth, an engineer, said

"REBELS" HAVE TO DISARM.

NANKING WINS.

CHIHLI AND SHANTUNG FORCES SURRENDER.

CHIANG AT NANKING.

Mukden, To-day.
A message dated yesterday from Yang Yu-ting reports that the Chihli and Shantung troops, after some days' fighting, have surrendered and are disarming.

At Nanking.
Nanking, Yesterday.
Political circles are showing renewed activity with the arrival of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, who immediately called a conference with Tan Yen-kai and Ho Ying-ching.

Not Serious.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Kuo Min news agency's correspondent in Mukden writes that upon the receipt of the news of the unexpected defeat of the Manchurians by the Northerners, General Chang Hsueh-liang (of Manchuria telegraphed to General Yang Yu-ting (chief of staff in Manchuria) to rush reinforcements to Changli at all costs. It adds that Chang Hsueh-liang has wired to General Pei Chung-hsi (commander of the Nationalists co-operating with the Manchurians against the Northerners) that the Manchurian Army is capable of disposing of the Northerners without assistance from the Nationalists and declaring that the reverse sustained by his subordinate was not serious.

It goes on to state the belief that prevails that General Pei Chung-hsi has withdrawn his forces to the left bank of the Luanho River in order to allow General Chang Hsueh-liang a free hand.—Reuter.

DUTCH BUDGET.

SHOWS A SURPLUS OF 8,000,000 FLORINS.

REDEMPTION OF LOAN.

The Hague, Yesterday.
Presenting the Budget, which announced that the \$40,000,000 florins, the Finance Minister announced that the \$40,000,000 loan issued by New York bankers after the war will be partially redeemed in 1929.—Reuter.

THE "TAI TUNG."

PROSECUTED FOR THIRD TIME IN TWO MONTHS.

For the third time within two months, the Tai Tung native distillery has become involved in prosecutions brought by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

Before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., this morning the licenses of the distillery, the accountant and the "eze foo" (skilled worker) were each summoned on three counts as follows:—

- (1) Unlawfully distilling molasses mash from certain "kongs" without a permit;
- (2) Failing to keep a record of the mash distilled;
- (3) Removing 50 jars of spirits without special foil; and
- (4) Removing eight jars of spirits without special foil.

Mr. M. K. Lo again represented defendants and raised no objection when Mr. H. A. Taylor, Government Analyst and Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports, asked for a week's formal remand.

he had been in the East for about twenty years, the last occasion for about eleven years.

When asked by Mr. Macnamara whether he acted on the advice the Police gave him, Mr. Howarth appeared reluctant to answer. Mr. Macnamara then asked "What advice did the Police give you?" After a pause, witness replied "Get a great hammer and smash the door in." Mr. Howarth said that the least the delay would cost him, in out of pocket expenses, was \$350.

Case proceeding.

PRIME MINISTER'S RETURN.

NOW IN PARIS.

GREATLY BENEFITED BY HIS HOLIDAY.

IN LONDON ON SUNDAY.

London, Yesterday.
Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, who has greatly benefited by his holiday at Aix-les-Bains, France, will be back in London on Sunday night. He and Mrs. Baldwin are now in Paris.

Mr. Baldwin will remain at Downing-street for a day or two and will have consultations with members of the Cabinet. He will leave on September 26 for Yarmouth where, on the following day, he will address the Conservative Conference. It is expected that he will make a pronouncement on the future programme of the Government.—British Wireless Service.

DRIVER AND FARE.

WHY HE REFUSED TO GO TO KOWLOON TONG.

COURT CASE.

For refusing to carry a European passenger to his residence in Kowloon Tong when requested to do so in the early hours of the morning, a Chinese driver of a public vehicle appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning to answer a charge of refusing hire.

The complainant was Mr. E. D. Shank, manager of the Hong Kong Excavation and Pile Driving Co. Defendant pleaded not guilty. He said that Mr. Shank had offered \$1 as fare to Kowloon Tong, but he refused as he thought it was too little. He asked for \$1.80, but complainant refused.

Mr. Shank said that last night after alighting from the ferry he went to defendant's car which was the first one waiting on the parking stand, and he and his wife got in the car. Defendant asked for \$1.80, and complainant answered that he did not care how much the fare was, so long as he got home. It was raining at the time. However, defendant refused to move forward, and when asked the reason he did not answer. Mr. Shank then went to the police constable controlling the parking of cars, and asked him to summons the driver, which he did by taking the defendant to the Water Police Station. When asked in the charge room why he refused to move, the driver again refrained from answering.

Driver's Story.

In Court this morning, defendant related a story of how on a previous occasion, in answer to a telephone message from the Kowloon Cricket Club, he had taken Mr. Shank's home, for which he was paid only \$1. This, defendant maintained, was very little considering he had to wait 35 minutes outside the club. When defendant returned to the garage in which he was employed, the master rebuked him for obtaining so small a sum for hire. The master had also instructed the defendant that if ever he again took Mr. Shank as a passenger, he should first arrange payment of about \$1.50 at least. Defendant, on this occasion, had therefore first tried to arrive at an arrangement, placing the figure at \$1.80.

The magistrate, Mr. W. Schofield, remarked that it appeared to him that defendant had refused on this occasion on the ground that last time he had not been paid enough. Asked by the Magistrate why he did not approach Mr. Shank in the proper manner when he thought he had not been paid enough, defendant replied that he did not have an opportunity to do so.

His Worship: I can see no reason for your action. Your proper course of complaint if your fare was not sufficient was to object in the proper manner.

The case was then remanded for 24 hours, so as to allow the driver's folk to attend court to give evidence.

I am struck not so much by the diversity of testimony, as by the many-sidedness of truth.—Mr. Baldwin.

The Very Rev. Father Charles Bernard Macoy, the first Salesian to be sent to England from Italy, died at the Salesian School, Chertsey.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 7/11 13/16.

SUZANNE LENGLEN RETIRES.

OWN STATEMENT.

"I SHALL NEVER PLAY AGAIN," SHE SAYS.

REINSTATEMENT RUMOURS.

Nice, Yesterday.
Mentioned by Reuter regarding rumours that she is seeking reinstatement as an amateur.



"Suzanne."

Suzanne Lenglen declared she had not touched a racquet for months. She added:—"I shall never play again, either as an amateur or a professional."—Reuter.

STILL FAIR.

N.E. winds, fresh, fair, is the forecast until noon to-morrow. The anticyclone remains central to the north of Japan. A trough of low pressure extends from Indo-China.

HOLLAND'S QUEEN.

DELIVERS OPENING SPEECH AT DUTCH STATES GENERAL.

REFERS TO SHIPPING.

The Hague, Yesterday.
Queen Wilhelmina, in her speech in opening the States General, said that Dutch shipping was suffering from surplus tonnage on the world market. She regretted that international efforts towards reduction of armaments had not led to more tangible results, but was gratified that international co-operation was increasing in various spheres, especially in economics.

The bill to ratify the Kellogg Pact, in which was a new guarantee for the maintenance of peace, would shortly be placed before the House.—Reuter.

FAR EAST FLIGHT.

BARON VON HUNEFELD SETS OUT FOR TOKYO.

AN 8 DAYS' ATTEMPT.

Berlin, Yesterday.
The German airman Baron von Hunefeld (who flew the Atlantic in the "Bremen" with Captain Koehl and Commandant Fitzmaurice in April) has left for Sofia in the aeroplane Europa, accompanied by the Swedish Engineer-Lindner. This is the first stage of a flight to reach Tokyo in eight days via Sofia, Constantinople, Bagdad, Karachi, Bangkok and Nanking.—Reuter.

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ENGLAND'S WOMEN VOTERS.

NEW REGISTER.

"FLAPPERS" NEED NOT DIVULGE THEIR AGE.

COMPULSORY RETURN.

London, Yesterday.
It is stated that for the purpose of the compilation of new voters, the register, which will include women of 21 years to whom the franchise has recently been extended, every householder will be required before the end of the year to fill in a form giving particulars of his household.

This return will be compulsory and failure to make it will entail a penalty of £20.

An interesting feature will be that women will not be required to divulge their age. It will simply be a question of whether the woman is 21 or over.—British Wireless Service.

SPAIN'S DICTATOR.

FALSE RUMOURS AS TO GENERAL DE RIVERA.

STILL IN BARCELONA.

Madrid, Yesterday.
General Primo de Rivera has not returned from Barcelona, and the air is full of rumours. It is reported that he has been fired on and wounded in a rising at Barcelona.

There is no sign of trouble in Madrid although the troops are confined to barracks.

General de Rivera's departure to Barcelona on September 15, in view of rumours of the Separatist movement in Catalonia, was commented on with much interest and no little curiosity. It was considered that his likely object was to take a personal hand in straightening out the tangle which had resulted from the recent wholesale arrests. These were made irrespective of guilt in connection with the recent alleged conspiracy against the Government.

There is now no doubt that there was a widespread plot, implicating freemasons, socialists, republicans and even, it is said, an archbishop.

Unconfirmed.

The attempt upon De Rivera is still unconfirmed. As the rumours are unusually strong they are believed by more than the "man in the street," especially as De Rivera had not returned when expected.

Officials attribute the scare to "hostile machinations."

A communique states that De Rivera is still at Barcelona, where he received journalists and expressed satisfaction at his enthusiastic popular welcome.—Reuter.

SHIPPING STRIKE.

SEVERAL PORTS STILL HOLD OUT.

SUMMONSES ISSUED.

Melbourne, Yesterday.
The waterside workers at Brisbane, Adelaide, Fremantle and Newcastle still refuse work under the "two pick-ups" system and cargo at Adelaide is declared "black." Other transport unions may be involved but negotiations for a complete settlement are proceeding.

The Federal Attorney-General has issued summonses against the Waterside Workers' Federation on a charge of inciting to strike against the award of the Arbitration Court.—Reuter.

ARGENTINE OIL.

GOVERNMENT'S ACTION WITH REGARD TO OIL WELLS.

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.
The Chamber adopted a Bill providing for the expropriation of the oil wells and other well deposits throughout the country.—Reuter's American Service.

The Prince of Wales competed in four classes at Bokerell (Dartmouth) show last month, and obtained five first prizes in the Short-horn bull class.

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AUTOGIRO OR WINDMILL PLANE.

CROSSES CHANNEL.

ASCENDS & LANDS PRACTICALLY VERTICALLY.

UNORTHODOX APPEARANCE.

Paris, Yesterday.
An official welcome has been accorded to the Spanish inventor, Juan de la Cierva, on his arrival from London on the completion of the first trans-Channel flight in the Autogiro or windmill plane, which machine is of an unorthodox appearance, fitted with 200 horse-power engine, capable of 100 miles per hour and ascends and lands practically vertically.—Reuter.

Machine Described.

A British Wireless message says:—
Senor de la Cierva, to-day, made a flight across the English Channel in the Autogiro which he has invented. He has been touring Britain in it, and is now going to exhibit it on the Continent.

Starting from Croydon, he crossed the Channel from Lympe to Cape Grisnez and landed at Saint Ingvert near Boulogne.

Spectators of the flight were greatly interested in the machine, which presented a strange appearance alongside the air Union liner and the Moth aeroplane which escorted it.

The Autogiro combines the features of the helicopter or vertical ascent machine and orinopter or machine that flaps its wings like a bird. In the parlance of the aerodrome it is a "windmill plane." It does not glide into the air but darts after only a short run, and when it descends it comes down so straight that the airman gets the sensation of heading for a crash. It is thought that this sensation will require some overcoming.

Find Man in House.

On August 10, Mr. Schlatterer, Mr. Beyersdorfer, his wife, a native woman, and her brother, Vicente Escosio, were all at the Beyersdorfer home. Mr. Beyersdorfer went into his wife's bedroom and accidentally found a man hidden under the bed. He hurried to the kitchen to ask his wife who the "stranger" was. Instead of answering him, she ran from the house.

Believing the stranger to be an impostor, Mr. Beyersdorfer returned to the door of the bedroom and asked Mr. Schlatterer to come to his aid. Seizing danger, the stranger came out of his hiding place, grabbed an automatic shot gun from the wall and endeavoured to shoot his way out of the house. The three men overpowered him, however, and took the gun away from him.

The stranger, who it was later learned was a Filipino by the name of Vicente Dinago and an intimate friend of Mrs. Beyersdorfer, was young and strong while both of the Americans are over 60. While they were attempting to tie him up he broke loose and secured a bolo with which he attacked those who were trying to capture him.

He took Bolo from Man.

The Americans were successful in taking the bolo away from him but both were weakened in the struggle. Then Dinago produced a dagger and attacked Mr. Beyersdorfer. Seeing his life endangered Mr. Beyersdorfer ordered his brother-in-law to shoot the intruder. As a result of the shots, Dinago was killed.

FUKIEN PROVINCE.

RAID TO PREVENT A RED UPRISING.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
According to a message from Amoy, the military on Sept. 15 raided the headquarters of the supervisory committee of the Chinese Communist Party of Fukien, the members of which had been plotting a general uprising in Fukien.

A number of communists were arrested and a large quantity of communist literature was seized.—Reuter.

EARL'S DEATH.

EARL OF DURHAM SUCCEEDED BY TWIN BROTHER.

London, Yesterday.
John George Lambton, third Earl of Durham, has died at the age of 78. He is succeeded by his twin brother, Hon. Frederick Lambton.—Reuter.

The deceased Earl was a great patron of the turf and a prominent member of the Jockey Club.

NEW GOVERNOR.

FOOTBOW, Yesterday.

Admiral Yang Shu-chang was installed as chairman of the Fukien Provincial Government yesterday morning.—Reuter.

It has been said that the reason marriages are not happy is because women are not told often enough that they are loved.—Mrs. E. S. Kilpatrick.

Circulation of gold coins is wasteful, unnecessary and expensive.—Mr. A. M. Samuel M.P.

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slightest recollection of his relatives, and cannot recall any details concerning his home or profession. His illness left him speechless, and it was only two days ago that he opened his lips for the first time in a whisper.

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 AWA MARU Thursday, 11th October.
 SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles,
 Mexico & Panama.
 BOKUYO MARU Saturday, 29th September.
 SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Port.
 KANAGAWA MARU Tuesday, 9th October.
 NEW YORK AND BOSTON via PANAMA.
 MAYEBASHI MARU Monday, 24th September.
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 CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
 MORIOKA MARU Wednesday, 19th September.
 RANGON MARU Sunday, 30th September.
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 Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
 HAWAII MARU Saturday, 20th September.
 LAPLATA MARU Friday, 26th October.
 BOMBAY—via Singapore & Colombo.
 INDUS MARU Thursday, 20th September.
 SHUNKO MARU (Calls at Karachi) Thursday, 4th October.
 BURNING MARU Friday, 19th October.
 DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND
 MOMBASA—via Singapore and Colombo.
 CHICAGO MARU Friday, 28th September.
 CALCUTTA—via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
 TACOMA MARU Tuesday, 25th September.
 SEATTLE MARU Thursday, 25th October.
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 Japan ports.
 LONDON MARU (Sailing from Dairen) Friday, 21st September.
 MELBOURNE—via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
 BURMA MARU Saturday, 6th October.
 HAIPHONG—via Hanoi & Pakhoi.
 NEW YORK—via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
 ARGON MARU Thursday, 20th September.
 JAPAN PORTS.
 SANUKI MARU Tuesday, 18th September.
 SEATTLE MARU Wednesday, 19th September.
 KEELUNG—via SWATOW & AMOY.
 KISHU MARU Sunday, 23rd Sept. Noon.
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LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Hydrangea, (561) British, from Swatow—Chiu On s.s. Co.—816 passengers.
 Yuen Sang, (1,982) British, from Amoy—J. M. & Co.—248 passengers, Yunnan—(1,206) British, from Canton—B. & S.—330 tons general cargo (through).
 Linan, (1,356) British, from Shanghai, Amoy—B. & S.—159 passengers, 430 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 534 tons (through).
 Hong Peng, (2,525) British, from Rangoon, Singapore—Ho Hong Co.—1,143 passengers, 1,300 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 100 tons (through).
 Himsang, (1,885) British, from Sandakan—J. M. & Co.—28 passengers, 3,846 tons timber and general cargo for Hong Kong.
 Illinois, (3,862) American, from Portland, Celebes—Columbia Pacific Shipping Co.—3,183 tons general cargo (through).
 Hanoi, (630) French, from Haiphong, Port-Bayard—M. M.—39 passengers, 800 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
 Produce, (1,110) Norwegian, from Saigon—Yuen Seng Fat—4 passengers, 693 tons rice for Hong Kong.
 Tango Maru, (4,238) Japanese, from Yokohama, Nagasaki—242 passengers, 79 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,500 tons (through).
 Indus Maru, (2,697) Japanese, from Nagoya, Moji—341 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,881 tons (through).
 Sungshan Maru, (1,503) Japanese, from Canton—N.Y.K.—25 passengers, 2 tons general cargo (through).
 Tak Hing, (101) Chinese, from Macao—Hoo Hing Co.—50 tons general cargo.
 Wang Shek Kung, (1,044) Chinese, from Saigon—Kwong Hung Hing—11 passengers, 1,800 tons rice for Hong Kong.
 Clearances.
 For Manila—Japanese Prince.
 For Chinwangtao—Corona.
 For Kwong Yuen—Gonsan Maru.
 For Singapore—Morioke Maru.
 For Takao—Leverkusen.
 For San Francisco—Illinois.
 For Amoy—Sui Yang.
 For Swatow—Hai Ching.
 For Kobe—Seattle Maru.
 For Shanghai—Mirzapore, Patroclus, Shinyo Maru.
 For Macao—Tak Hing.
 For Canton—Raleigh.
 For K. C. Wan—Tai Poo Sek, Song Bo.
 For Tarakan—Lompoe.
 Departure.
 For Swatow—Sungshan Maru.
 Arrivals Departures In port.
 British 6 4 21
 Japanese 3 6 6
 Norwegian 1 1 7
 Chinese 2 1 14
 French 1 2 1
 German 0 1 1
 American 1 2 0
 Danish 0 0 1
 Dutch 0 0 4
 Portuguese 0 0 2
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Arriving from Shanghai and Amoy this morning, the master of the s.s. "Linan" reported that at 8.55 a.m. on Sept. 18, the vessel collided with a fishing boat at 8° N. of Lamocks Light. The crew were, however, picked up by another boat.

THE "EUROPA."

BID FOR BLUE RIBBON OF ATLANTIC.

N.D.L. REVIVAL.

Hamburg.—A roar of enthusiasm swept down the Elbe when over 100,000 people witnessed the launch of the new Norddeutscher Lloyd Trans-Atlantic liner, the 46,000-ton "Europa." The whole of the shipping community of Hamburg had a half-day's holiday, and the great interest taken in the launch was ample evidence of German ambitions to regain the Blue Ribband of the Atlantic, with this 27-knot liner and her sister ship, the "Bremen," launched the next day. There have never been so many people present at a launch as the colossal crowd that filled every corner of Messrs. Blohm and Voss's yard.

After the christening ceremony by Miss Ines Glasel, a daughter of one of the directors of the line, the new Atlantic greyhound slipped into the water with grace and ease, the while a set of all-metal aeroplanes circled overhead.

A Memorable Event.

In his speech before the launch the American Ambassador, Dr. Schurman, said they were celebrating a memorable event in the history of the Norddeutscher Lloyd.

The consecutive launch within 24 hours of two large modern steamers would, he predicted, be probably viewed by future historians as a remarkable sign of the recovery of the high rank held for years by that company amongst the North Atlantic shipping firms of pre-war days. He was aware of nothing in the history of world shipping to equal the speed and size of the business rebuilding of the firm. Founded in 1857 in Bremen, the company now had big ships touching many corners of the world. The ship was almost 50 per cent. larger than the "Columbus," which up to the present had been the largest ship. It would have exceptional speed, capable of doing the voyage from the Channel ports to New York in five days. In conclusion, Dr. Schurman said, "May good fortune always attend the new vessel, and may she, for years to come aid in uniting our two peoples more closely together in bonds mutually profitable of commerce, good understanding, and good fellowship."

Other speeches of thanks followed, led by Dr. Phillip Heineken, president of the Norddeutscher Lloyd.

Director Glasel said this was the end of the building programme for the present.

U.S. FLEET.

PARTICULARS OF MERCHANT CORPORATION FILED.

Particulars of the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation were filed at Somerset House on August 8, pursuant to Section 274 of the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908.

The company was incorporated in Columbia, U.S.A., on April 10, 1917 (pursuant to Section 11 of "An Act to Establish a United States Shipping Board" approved September 7, 1916) under the title "United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation." The name was changed as above by the Independent Offices Act, 1928.

In October, 1925, the United States Shipping Board resolved that in the judgment of the board the powers then exercised by it through the Emergency Fleet Corporation should be exercised under a more definite and direct supervision of the board than had theretofore been practicable, repealed certain resolutions of the board, and re-issued a resolution, of 1921, setting forth the manner and extent in and to which the power and authority vested in the Shipping Board, by the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, should be exercised by the board through the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

A resolution delegating certain powers to the Corporation was passed by the Shipping Board in July, 1927. Copies of the following U.S.A. Acts are on the file, viz.—Shipping Act, 1916; Merchant Marine Act, 1920 and 1928; Appropriation Act, 1928 (the last named appears to be the same as the "Independent Offices Act").

The capital of the corporation is \$50,000,000 in shares of \$100 each. The directors are: T. V. O'Connor, E. C. Plummer, R. K. Smith, H. I. Cone, A. H. Denton, J. Myers, and S. S. Sandberg, all Commissioners of the United States Shipping Board.

The British office is at Bush House, Aldwych, W.C.2. Paul C. Greening, of 82, Lancastergate, W.2 (director for Europe) and Laura E. Anderson, of 89, Tulse-hill, S.W.2, lawyers, were authorised to accept service of process and notice on behalf of the company. File number, 2748F.

WORK AT BARROW.

PROGRESS OF NAVAL ORDERS.

NEW ORIENT LINER.

The new Orient liner building at Barrow is beginning to take shape on the stocks, but it will be some time before she is ready for launching. The Admiralty repair ship will be the next important vessel to be launched. The submarine depot ship "Medway," which was launched recently, will take some time to fit out.

Both she and the "Admiralty" repair ship are large vessels, over 600 feet long, and they will, when completed, be huge floating engineering shops. They will have installed machinery and plant of all descriptions, capable of dealing with all manner of repairs. The idea, of course, is not new by any means, for the "Admiralty" have for a great number of years had this kind of craft, but the interesting feature of these two new ships is that they are to be driven by twin sets of internal combustion engines, built under licence from the well-known M.A.N. firm in Germany.

Another Submarine.
 The development is significant from two points of view. The first is that the "Admiralty" have at last favoured an internal-combustion engine of much greater power than ever they have done before, and the second is that "Vickers," no doubt after most exhaustive inquiries, have decided to develop the M.A.N. design in preference to their own, solid-injection type. The success of the M.A.N. motor in these two "Admiralty" vessels may mean important developments as far as Vickers-Armstrongs at Barrow are concerned.

Another British submarine will be launched, and this will complete the programme so far as this year is concerned. There are four more to construct and deliver next year.

It is now made public that Vickers-Armstrongs, at Barrow, have an order for the construction of three submarines for Chile. Really this is old news, for the fact that an order had been placed was known some time ago, but in this class of work secrecy is maintained for many reasons which need not be described in this review. They are of a type similar to those built at Barrow for Australia, the "Otway" and the "Orley," which in the British Admiralty are classed as "Overseas patrolling submarines." The British Admiralty have advanced a few steps in design since these craft were built.

THE LIFE LINE.

MR. AMMON, M.P. TO BRING IN A BILL.

In the House of Commons recently, Mr. Ammon asked leave to bring in a bill to compel all ships over 500 tons gross register to carry a life line throwing apparatus capable of throwing a rope for a distance of not less than 150 yards either to shore or to another ship. He remarked that need for such provision was first brought to the notice of the public by the wreck of the "Berlin," off the Hook of Holland, in 1907. Afterwards a sub-committee of the Merchant Shipping Advisory Committee made strong representations for the provision of such apparatus, and this year the Board of Trade had raised the matter again with the Chamber of Shipping. During last year

the boats of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution saved 354 lives, but many more could be saved if all ships carried line throwing apparatus. Leave was granted, and the Bill was brought in and read a first time. The object of the line throwing life-saving gun is primarily to throw a line where distances are too great to permit the use of a heavy line from a lifeboat to the wreck; from a wreck to the shore, or vice versa; from one boat to another; from a ship to a jetty, or vice versa. The cost per shot is very small—about that of an ordinary rifle cartridge. The gun, which has been adopted by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, is that of the B.S.A. Ltd. It is made in two types, mounted and shoulder pattern, each of which can be fired with the greatest of ease, no particular

skill being required. The line for each type is wound in a metal canister and slipped over the muzzle of the gun. When the cartridge is fired it drives out the projectile to which is attached the line, which can be thrown 100 yards from the mounted pattern, even in the teeth of a gale, whilst 75 yards is the range of the shoulder pattern under similar conditions. Since its introduction into the lifeboat service the B.S.A. line throwing gun has been instrumental in saving the lives of many shipwrecked seamen. It performed valuable service off the Scilly Rocks in November last year, when five of the crew of the Italian vessel "Isoba" were rescued by its aid, played a useful part in rescuing six of the crew of the trawler "Lord Davenport," wrecked off the Orkneys.

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CLOSING OF THE TECKLEN-
BORG YARD.

AN EXPLANATION.

It was recently announced that the
Deutsche Schiffs und Maschinenbau
Aktiengesellschaft (Deschimag) was
contemplating the closing down of
the Tecklenborg shipyard at Geest-
münde owing to the scarcity of suit-
able contracts for keeping the works
employed. It was recognised that
such a step would be a severe blow
to the town, as it would throw a
number of men out of employment,
and accordingly efforts were made to
induce the company to reverse its
decision.

Recently, negotiations were
opened at the offices of the Tecklen-
borg yard between representatives
of the Prussian Government, of the
Deschimag, and of the workmen's
unions. One of the representatives
of the company, Dr. Lischutz, stated
that the closing down of the works
had become necessary for various
reasons, in the first place through
the increase in the number of ship-
yards in the war and post-war
periods, secondly through the com-
plete absence of orders for warship
building, thirdly through the in-
flation of world tonnage, and finally
through the competition of foreign
shipyards.

The placing of the shipbuilding in-
dustry once more on a sound and
healthy basis, Dr. Lischutz con-
tinued, was only possible by an im-
provement in the prices of new con-
struction and of repairs, and by
amalgamations for the purpose of
"rationalisation." The latter was
the policy which the Deschimag had
adopted. That it had not led to suc-
cess was the fault of the Norddeuts-
cher Lloyd, which had with-
drawn the contracts for six
steamers which it had formerly
given to the Deschimag, and of
which the Tecklenborg yard was to
have received two.

No Difference.

Herr Landgraf, the representa-
tive of the unions, stated that the
yard had only become unremunera-
tive since it had come into the hands
of the Deschimag.

On behalf of the latter, Director
Stapelfeldt emphasised that the
Tecklenborg yard was splendidly
equipped, and capable of meeting
any kind of competition. The fact
that it was unremunerative was due
first and foremost to the extraordi-
narily depressed prices. In the build-
ing of the Norddeutscher Lloyd
steamer "Lahn," for example, the
works had incurred a loss of 750,000
Reichmarks.

There were no differences between
the Norddeutscher Lloyd and the
Deschimag. The contracts for the
six steamers had been withdrawn
by the Lloyd because the negotia-
tions between the Hapag and the
Lloyd in reference to an under-
standing were in progress, and in
the event of an agreement being
reached not so much tonnage would
be required. It had been hoped to
keep the yard in operation if 2,000-
000 marks of repairing work per
annum were guaranteed by the
Norddeutscher Lloyd.

The negotiations were adjourned
after the Deschimag had promised
to furnish the Prussian Govern-
ment with a written copy of the
minutes of the previous meeting.

From the above declarations, the
"Vossische Zeitung" states, it is not
sufficiently clear why the
Norddeutscher Lloyd, after with-
drawing the freight steamer con-
tracts from the Deschimag, almost
immediately gave Blohm and Voss,
of Hamburg, an order for two large
motor cargo ships. It would seem
as if it had become estranged as a
customer of the Deschimag because
it did not approve of the latter's
very far-reaching plans for closing
down.

SALVAGE AT SCAPA FLOW.

The sunken German warship,
"Sevdlitz," in Scapa Flow, is prov-
ing difficult to refloat. She lies on her
side with a large portion exposed
above water. Every effort is being
made to turn the "Sevdlitz" com-
pletely bottom upwards, when she
would present the some prob-
lem as was successfully solved
in the case of her sister ship,
the "Moltke," states the "Glas-
gow Herald." Lying on a sand-
bank in comparatively shallow
water, her superstructure is catch-
ing the bottom, thus preventing the
vessel from being handled as
desired. Divers have been engaged
for a week blasting away under
water her masts, funnels, turrets,
bridge, and the guns on her upper
deck, with gelignite and electric
fuses. The result is disastrous to
the hull in the vicinity, and a great
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hama yesterday at 6 a.m., and is due
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here on or about October 8.

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open space under a town-planning
scheme, have in view its use as a
civil aviation ground.

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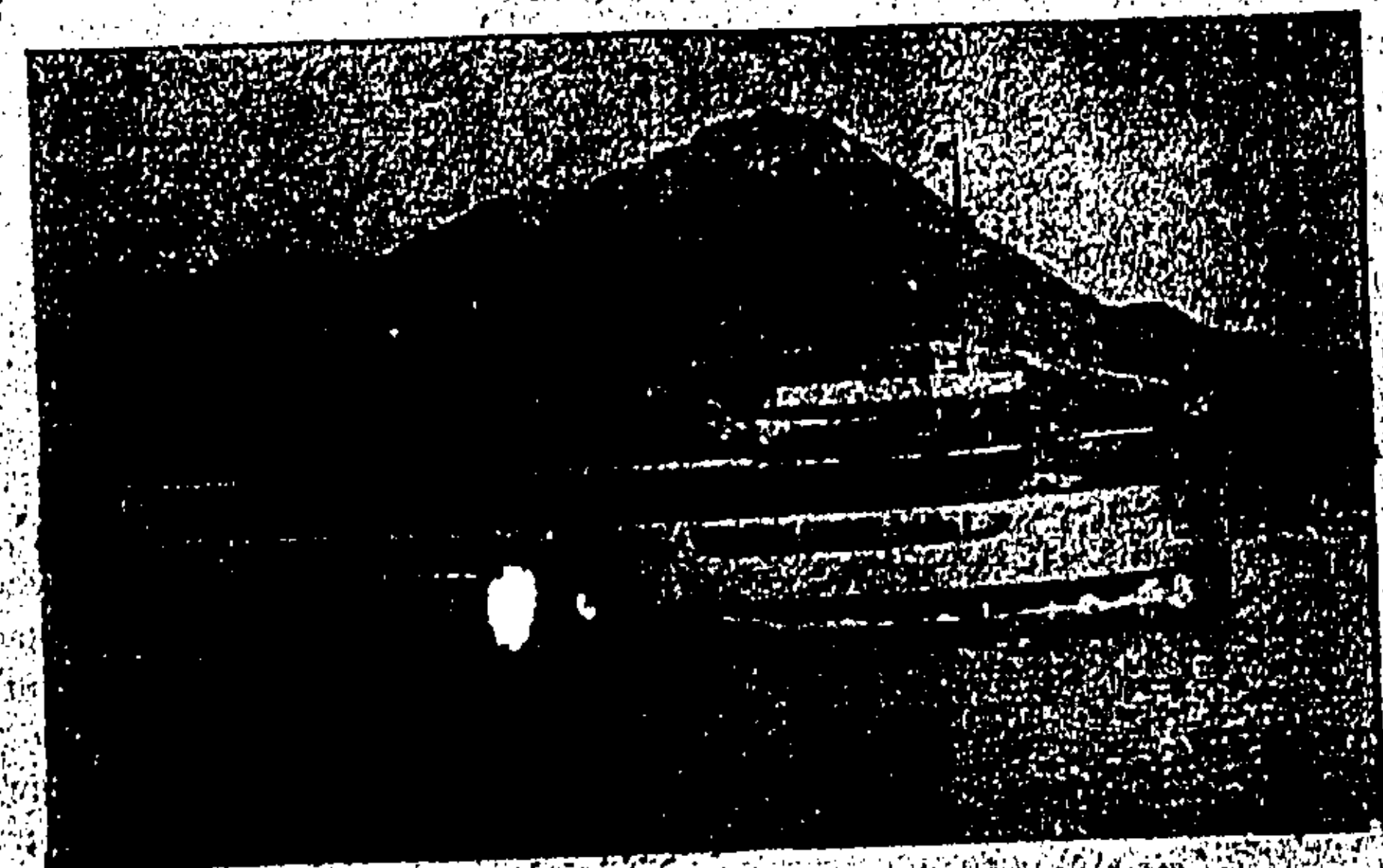
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THE FIGHTING IN
NORTH CHINA.

As a precautionary measure the evacuation of foreigners from Peitaiho and Shanhaiwan is unquestionably a wise step, and one that was rendered imperative so long as there was the slightest reason to believe that these places were within the war zone. It is by no means the first time that Peitaiho holiday-makers have received such a shock. This popular holiday resort seems to be unfortunately situated, being as it is near the Shantung coast, which, doubtless, along with the rest of the province of Shantung, is the principal objective of General Chang Tsung-chang, so long the Tuchun of the province. Evidently, the redoubtable General Chang is making a sort of final stand, much in the nature of a forlorn hope, it seems to us, to regain supremacy in his old quarters. His hopes are of the faintest, as he has not the slightest chance of regaining what has been lost either in Shantung or in any other part of Northern China. There is every probability, therefore, that those foreigners, who have now been compelled hastily to leave their pleasant seaside quarters and take up their abode on the bluff at Chinwangtao, will be able soon to return to their popular resort. It was even more imperative that Shanhaiwan should be evacuated as that town is undoubtedly a vital point for operations to or from Manchuria.

It is very satisfactory to learn that the evacuation was successfully completed, and it is equally good to read that not only Chinwangtao but the Tientsin mining area is quiet. After the

crushing and apparently complete defeat of the Northerners, which culminated in the hasty exit of the Fengtienese from Chihli, it is somewhat surprising to find the ex-Shantung Tuchun making any kind of stand this side of the Great Wall. Quite clearly it is but a forlorn hope, as not only has he the Nationalists to his rear but his advance—should he be able to advance—is being more or less effectually impeded by the Manchurians, now allied with the Nationalists.

But strange events have always taken place in China, and it would therefore be even stranger if they did not take place now. The only statement that might with some degree of certainty be ventured at present is that General Chang Tsung-chang is in a very precarious position, one that leaves little doubt of his speedy and complete collapse. One of these fine days soon we shall hear that he is an exile in Japan or elsewhere or that, tired of warring against the Kuomintang, he has thrown in his lot with them. The only mildly distressing point in the situation at present is in the announcement that "car-loads of Manchurian wounded" have been passing through Chinwangtao en route to Manchuria, which seems, very conclusively, to verify the reports from Shanghai that "General Chang Tsung-chang, with his back to the wall, inflicted a severe reverse on 10,000 Manchurians on the 16th instant." This victory will no doubt hearten the ex-Tuchun of Shantung and his army, and probably prolong the fighting, that has so unexpectedly occurred in Chihli. But it is merely a sort of "flash in the pan," a final gesture on the part of the defeated Shantung general and his sturdy followers before they inevitably fall to the all-conquering Nationalists.

Back Pitting.

While we congratulate the Chief Justice upon receiving the time-honoured gift of a pair of white gloves at the opening of the Criminal Sessions yesterday for the first time in twenty-five years we are not inclined to agree with his "why" and "whereof" St. Henry Golan said on two occasions within the last six months there have been no cases for trial at the Sessions and I think it is a matter of congratulation both for the community to be able to get such vicious lives, and for the police force, our very efficient police force.

It sounds very well, does it not, but facts do not bear it out. There are no indications at all

that the community is leading lives more virtuous than it was leading before the "white glove" incidence, and it does not appear that our police force, "our very efficient police force," has much upon which to congratulate itself. It "challenged" upon these two points we are perfectly willing to turn up in our files a few tasty affairs that have happened in Hong Kong of late and which would have most likely resulted in trials at the Criminal Sessions had the culprits been caught. An empty Sessions List, in one sense, is indicative of nothing; in another it may be indicative of a mighty lot.

The driver of a hand-truck died at Kowloon Hospital yesterday, as the result of a collision between a motor lorry and the truck at a junction of Navy-street and Austin-road.

There was another bag-snatching incident at Nathan-road yesterday evening, in which Mrs. Withers, residing at Gun Club Hill, Kowloon, was the victim. The thief succeeded in bolting with the handbag which contained \$15.50.

For removing earth from a vacant piece of ground at the junction of Kanau-street and Nathan-road, without a permit from the Public Works Department, an earth cooler was fined \$5, by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Mr. A. C. Burford, land bailiff, prosecuted.

H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., accompanied by Mrs. Southern and friends, was present at the 5.10 p.m. performance in the Queen's Theatre yesterday to see the great jungle film "Chang." After the performance His Excellency said he had greatly enjoyed the picture, which he thought was a splendid production.

Loung Wai, a Chinese fugitive, who was "wanted" by the Canton authorities, for kidnapping an aged villager from Mao Yuen Fong, Sun-wai district, was committed for extradition. At yesterday's hearing, Mr. R. E. Lindsell informed the accused that the course was available for him of lodging an appeal within fifteen days to the Supreme Court through habeas corpus proceedings.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on four fishing boat mistresses at the Marine Court this morning, defendants being charged with dredging the harbour in the Central Ferryway. They denied the charge and said that they were only fishing. The police officer in evidence, said that coal was discovered on board the defendants' boats. An order was also made for the confiscation of the tackle and nets.

MANSION HOUSE.

LORD MAYOR'S VISION OF A
50-STORY BUILDING.

"I shudder for my successors, who may have to rise each morning at the Mansion House and see a skyscraper across the road," said the Lord Mayor of London (Sir Charles Batho) at a luncheon given at the Connaught Rooms by the Institution of Structural Engineers for the presentation of the Dorman Long Scholarship of £300 and the institution's gold medal. Mr. H. J. Deane presided.

"But in fifty years' time," added the Lord Mayor, "it is possible that my successors may be living in the fiftieth story of a rebuilt Mansion House."

The scholarship competition, a re-design of the Royal Exchange as a modern steel-frame building incorporating the old features, but providing for additional storeys, was won by Mr. George Caddell, of Liverpool, the second award going to Mr. J. N. Liversidge. The purpose of the scholarship was to enable the successful candidate to make a foreign tour of study.

Replying to the chairman's toast of "The Visitors," Lord Riddell proposed "London and its Historic Buildings." The Lord Mayor responded, said that to the structural engineers would fall the task of the demolition of many of our old City buildings, and the erection of something modern in their place. He begged them to remember the ancient landmarks of their old City, and in building the new to remember what went before, that the spirit of the ancient streets might not be forgotten by new generations.

Mr. Arthur Dorman, acknowledged the thanks of the chairman for the generosity of his firm in presenting the scholarship, said that these presentations served a useful purpose because they encouraged economy and efficiency in design. Steel structures were to be found in all great buildings.

Lord Col. J. Mitchell-Moncrieff proposed the toast of "The Chairmen."

REFUSE IN THE SEA. RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

ITS DISPOSAL, BATHING,
BEACH POLLUTION?

INFECTED OF EXTERNAL EAR

"Disposal of refuse by dumping it in the sea, the possibility of its being carried back to the harbour, the danger of pollution, and the infection of the external ear at bathing beaches were among the topics dealt with at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board.

The attendance comprised:—Mr. W. J. Carrie (Head of the Sanitary Department) President, Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., L.D.S.; Dr. W. V. M. Koo, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. J. P. Braga and Mr. J. Watson (secretary).

Pursuant to notice, a number of questions were asked by Mr. Braga. These are given below together with the replies of Mr. Carrie, the Government spokesman.

At the conclusion Mr. Braga thanked Mr. Carrie for the time and patience devoted to securing the information disclosed.

BATHERS' TROUBLE.

Question:—Has it been brought to the notice of the Medical Officer of Health that several cases of acute infection of the external ear have recently occurred among bathers in some of the most popular bathing beaches of Hong Kong?

Answer:—The answer to the first question is in the negative.

Question:—Is there any connection between these cases of infection and the pollution by preventable means of the sea water in the best frequented bathing grounds of the Colony?

Answer:—It is highly probable that pollution of the sea water does tend to raise the incidence of infections of this nature. It is doubtful, however, whether this pollution is preventable.

BEACHES & POLLUTION.

Question:—Are the bathing beaches of the Colony subject to pollution by the existing methods of disposal of city refuse by the Sanitary Department?

Answer:—It is impossible to give a categorical reply to this question. There is a general opinion among officers of the Department that the reply is in the negative. I regret that I cannot wholly subscribe to that belief. On the 18th May, 1926, this Board appointed a Committee consisting of the President, Mr. Smith, the Vice-President, Mr. Creasy, Dr. Koch and Dr. Macgown to enquire into and report on the question of Refuse Destruction and the possibility of its adoption in this Colony. They obtained expert opinion on various points and their report was adopted by the Board on the 10th August, 1926. This report is interesting and is available for anyone who may wish to read it. The following opinions were expressed by the witnesses examined by this Committee:—

(1) At least 50 per cent. of the refuse sinks at once and after twenty-four hours less than 10 per cent. is still floating.

(2) The refuse is dumped off Kai I Chau, 4½ miles from the centre of Victoria. The site was carefully chosen—many years ago—after consultation with the Harbour Master. Floats were released at all states of the tide and only two were recovered, one at Kennedy Town and one at Cheung Sha Wan.

(3) The refuse occasionally seen floating near the beaches comes from junks and ships. Many ships retain their refuse, accumulated during their stay in harbour, until they are outside harbour limits, which is just beyond Green Island and then dump it, often near Cheung Chau.

3,000 FLOATS.

As a result of this report further experiments with floats were carried out from November 15 to December 15, 1926. Fifty floats were released under European supervision each morning and each afternoon, a careful record being kept of the exact time and of the weather conditions. Of the 5,000 floats released not one was recovered, although police were stationed along the shore to look for them, to the Sanitary Department. The Police Inspector at Cheung Chau was in particular instructed to watch the beach there. The experiment was interesting but it fails to convince me personally because of the time of year when it was conducted; it was, however, on the advice of the Harbour Master that the experiment was not made until after the typhoon season. If the Board wishes I would suggest that a similar experiment be conducted next year but during the social bathing season. Should a typhoon happen in the middle of the experiment the barges will probably be held

up for about twenty-four hours but this will not invalidate the whole experiment. It has been suggested to me also that instead of wooden floats which might prove useful as fire wood portions of the refuse likely to float should be treated with various dyes. These details can be worked out later.

I regret having to make such a diffuse reply to a simple question but the only reply I can make to question 3 is that I personally am still in doubt.

CONSIDERED 20 YEARS AGO.

Question:—Will the Government consider the advisability of substituting the present method of refuse disposal by the erection of a Refuse Destructor, thus minimizing the dangers of pollution of the waters of the Colony within harbour limits, by the drifting thereto of floating matter containing the germs of infection?

Answer:—The question of Refuse Destructors has frequently been considered by the Government during the last twenty years. The Committee of the Board in 1926 made certain suggestions which are now being followed up. The late Mr. Jackson, during his absence on leave in 1926, made careful investigations and examined different types of Refuse Destructors in use in various cities in England, India, and the Straits Settlements. His report on this subject, although it was a preliminary one, was of great value in being made out of refuse destruction in Hong Kong, suggesting the desirability of introducing an up-to-date unit of one of the most successful plants described as a nucleus of a Refuse Destructor installation.

Members may also have seen the suggestions made by Mr. Newhouse in his report on the possibility of using seawater for flushing purposes, laid before the Legislative Council on June 25, 1926, regarding the use of the heat generated by a destructor for the purpose of pumping the sea water.

These matters are now before the Government.

GOVT'S ASSURANCE TO MR. J. P. BRAGA.

KOWLOON TONG HOUSES.

Questions asked by Mr. J. P. Braga at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board and the replies on behalf of the Government by Mr. W. J. Carrie (Head of the Sanitary Department) are given below:—

Question:—With reference to the leading article appearing in the "South China Morning Post" of the 22nd August last, regarding the development of suburban sites in the Colony, will the President please inform the Board,

(1) What are the Government's intentions as to the reservation of Crown land in the vicinity of Prince Edward-road as an exclusive residential area?

Answer:—Land in the locality under reference is disposed of exclusively for residential purposes.

(2) Will the Government endeavour to prevent the disfigurement of that area by refusing permission for the erection of "pigeon-hole blocks" in the midst of rural surroundings?

Answer:—The answer is in the affirmative.

Question:—Will the Government stipulate as a "special condition" in the general conditions of sale of Crown land abutting on Prince Edward-road that—

(a) no houses will be permitted of a height greater than 35 feet; and

(b) that open space must be reserved for the laying out of lawns or small garden patches attached to such houses?

Question (answered jointly with preceding one):—With a view to securing the aesthetic amenities of the Kowloon Tong garden city, will the intention of the Government be ascertained whether it is prepared to introduce early legislation in order to ensure that houses erected in the vicinity of the Kowloon Tong district shall conform to the type of European residential houses of a maximum height of 35 feet, with the exception of buildings for colleges and similar institutions?

Answer:—The points mentioned are always considered before land is put up to auction and any necessary special requirements are included in the Conditions of Sale.

Henry F. Slough, 40, an engineer, was struck on the head and killed by a moving car belonging to a machine known as the Gliders at the Kurasal, Southend-on-Sea.

Enfield (Middlesex) Bench held that a monomark on a dog's collar did not fulfil the requirements of the law in respect of the address of the animal's owner.

NOT IN PAWN SHOP.

MR. J. K. MACONACHIE'S ASSURANCE ABOUT HIS PRESENT TRIBUTE FROM KOWLOON.

An assurance was given by the Rev. J. Kirk Macconachie, minister of Union Church, Hong Kong, that the cabinet presented to him last night by the congregation of Union Church, Kowloon, would never get into a pawn shop as had an old umbrella which had been stolen from him.

Mr. Macconachie said that there was justification for the erection of Union Church in Kowloon, although it was hard to have lost old friends from the Hong Kong church.

The Rev. H. Horace Johnston, B.A., minister of Union Church, Kowloon, presided. He was supported by Mr. B. Wylie, who represented the Scottish community, and the Rev. W. Walton Rogers, M.A., vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

AS A FOUNDER.

Mr. Johnston said:—As representing the Union Church, Kowloon, it is fitting that I should make special reference to the debt which this Church owes to Mr. Macconachie as a founder. It is true that the history of our Church may be traced to an earlier date. Indeed, it should never be forgotten that the Rev. C. H. Hickling (who preceded Mr. Macconachie in the pastorate of Union Church, Hong Kong) at the beginning of his ministry in 1902-3, commenced services at the Kowloon British School. Mr. Hickling was most eager to promote the work and prepared to make considerable personal sacrifices to that end. Nevertheless the difficulties were too great and the services were discontinued in 1904. It was twenty years before they were resumed in January, 1924.

SIR PAUL'S GIFTS.

With the growth of the European population in Kowloon, the need, not merely for occasional services but for a Union Church here became urgent and was felt by none more keenly than by Mr. Macconachie. When Sir Paul Chater learned that this desire was so warmly cherished by Mr. Macconachie, he approached him as a personal friend and put into his hands the princely sum of \$50,000 to enable him to gratify his wish. Later, realizing that \$50,000 would not suffice for all that was required, Sir Paul doubled the amount, again entrusting his money to Mr. Macconachie, who would, he hoped, remain in the Colony long enough to see the enterprise firmly established. Naturally Mr. Macconachie passed the money over to the Committee of the Union Church, Hong Kong, thereby committing them to a decisive policy of extension. Negotiations began with Government for a site, and with the home Church for a Minister.

SYMPATHY AND HELP.

On my arrival, I soon learnt what an amount of persistent and soul-racking effort had been exerted to try and secure an appropriate site and also to overcome certain difficulties that had been raised with regard to the legal position of the proposed Kowloon Church. And in these efforts, of course, Mr. Macconachie took a leading part, and I may add that, in every difficulty which has occurred since then, I have always known where to look for sympathy and help. It gave me singular pleasure to invite Mr. Macconachie last Sunday to what I knew would be a full Church so that, his eyes having seen the fruition of his zeal, he might depart from the Colony in peace.

Our handsome pulpit Bible is the gift of Mr. Macconachie and will be kept with care that it may long continue a reminder of his kind interest.

MRS. MACONACHIE.

More than that, it will be an abiding witness to the supreme motive that has animated all his efforts on her behalf, namely, the extension of God's Kingdom through the Ministry of the Word. Mrs. Macconachie is also leaving behind her a much appreciated souvenir. We are very glad to have her with us to-night and take this opportunity of congratulating her most warmly on the little volume of verse, which I hold in my hand, called "Rosemary Leaves from a Hong Kong Garden." In order to make things easier for their successor, this booklet is being sold on behalf of the decoration fund in Kennedy road Church.

SYMBOL OF FIDELITY.

The value of the booklet is enhanced by the insertion of the photo which forms the frontispiece. Many of us will be particularly glad to obtain the excellent likeness of the Little Minister, and his wife, standing in their Hong Kong Garden.

I am not very sure about the colour of Rosemary coming from a Hong Kong Garden, and it brings Daisy Maypole to mind.

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CHILD-STEALING.

WOMAN SENT TO JAIL FOR THREE MONTHS.

A SMART SON.

A Chinese woman, from Kowloon, was yesterday afternoon charged before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy, with kidnapping an 11-year-old Chinese girl. The accused was arrested by the police one day last week on board the s.s. "Tai Lee" which was bound for Kowloon. The little girl was in accused's company.

According to the prosecution, the girl's father was a private richa puller, and a widower. The accused, who recently arrived from Kowloon, proposed to the man that they should live together, and he took her to his home. The woman only stayed for two days as the richa puller's wife and then disappeared with the man's daughter.

The richa puller's son, as the result of a smart piece of amateur detective work, traced the woman and the girl to the s.s. "Tai Lee." He promptly seized the woman and with the help of a fellow lodger who had gone on board to hawk fruit, held her until the police arrived, who took her into custody. The Magistrate found the accused guilty of "child-stealing" and sentenced her to three months' hard labour.

GIRL'S DEATH.

SEQUEL TO A SUPPOSED SUICIDE.

A MOTHER'S CHALLENGE.

After a lengthy hearing at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, a further adjournment was ordered in the inquiry, held by Mr. W. Schofield and a Coroner's jury, into the death of a young Chinese woman, who was stated to have committed suicide by jumping from the roof of a house in Waterloo-street, on July 27 last.

In the course of the cross-examination of a Chinese woman, who gave evidence yesterday, it was revealed that this witness had been challenged by the dead girl's mother to declare her innocence before the girl's corpse. The mother declared that such a declaration on the part of the witness would satisfy her (the mother) that the witness had had nothing to do with the girl's death.

The witness was alleged to have failed to comply, and consequently the proceedings were necessitated to investigate the girl's death.

The inquiry will continue on Tuesday afternoon next.

WILL PENSION FOR WOMEN.

Among the bequests of the late Miss Mary Bailey, of St. Helens, Locks Hill, Frome, Somerset, who has left estate of the gross value of £31,224, with net personality £29,743, are the following:

£2,000 to the Frome Charity Trustees "to apply the income in the support of a lady of gentle birth, born in the parishes of Frome or Selwood, or who has resided in either of those parishes for the last 25 years, and who is in poor or indigent financial circumstances, directing that, if she desires to accept it, Mary Briggs, formerly matron of Frome Victoria Hospital, shall be first recipient of the gift."

And certainly there is a true breath of faithful friendship in a poem entitled "A Farewell" and I cannot find better words with which to conclude than those which Mrs. Macconachie has put into our lips.

"You're going back to England, you are going home again,...."

WORK FOR SCOTSMEN.

Among other speakers, Mr. Wylie referred to Mr. Macconachie's attendance at all Scottish functions and his inauguration of the Church Parade of the Scottish Company of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

The Rev. Mr. Rogers said that he had never had the privilege of hearing Mr. Macconachie preach, but he was glad of having an opportunity of thanking him.

Mrs. Forsyth then presented Mr. Macconachie with a small silver plate which is to be attached to the black cabinet, purchased at the express wishes of Mr. and Mrs. Macconachie.

In his reply, Mr. Macconachie thanked Mr. Johnston and many others for their personal kindnesses to him, and Mrs. Macconachie.

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"MORE GROTESQUE."

DEFENCE IN SUIT BY A TAX COLLECTOR.

IMMEDIATE EXECUTION.

After Mr. Justice P. Jackson (Paisne Judge) had observed:—"The plaintiff's case has been described as grotesque by the defence, but I am almost inclined to believe that the defence is even more grotesque," he gave judgment for Ching Po-cheung, with costs, in the Summary Court yesterday, and made an order for immediate execution in the suit for \$1,000 which plaintiff maintained he paid out while collecting taxes last year in Hatin Island, on behalf of defendant, Li Kwong-rip.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada was for plaintiff and Mr. C. A. S. Russ for defendant. Defendant was cross-examined at length, during which he said that he had held four appointments "under" the Canton Government, none of which had lasted more than six months. Defendant denied that he was the "farmer" for the collection of these taxes and claimed to be an official.

Mr. d'Almada applied for immediate execution on the ground that defendant would be leaving for Canton. Mr. Russ opposed, suggesting an application for instalments, on behalf of his client, in chambers on Saturday.

During the proceedings his Lordship was heard to remark that "anything might happen in China."

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UNOFFICIAL STATEMENT AS TO COUNCIL'S POSITION.

POWERLESS TO STOP RACING.

That the Shanghai Municipal Council is powerless to put a stop to greyhound racing in the International Settlement so long as there is some doubt whether betting on the pari-mutuel is legal or illegal, and that, pending a decision of this issue, the greyhound racing clubs in the Settlement are carrying on without licences from the Municipal Council, was the gist of an interview given by a member of the Council. It was emphasized that the views expressed were those of a member of the Council, only, and should not be interpreted as an official expression of the opinion of the Council as a body, as we had previously been given to understand was to be issued.

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SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE MAIL.

To-day — Queen's Theatre; "Chang."

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September 20 — Theatre Royal; Miss Cecilia Hansen's farewell violin concert, 7.15 p.m.

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October 11 — Chamber Concert at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Land Sale.

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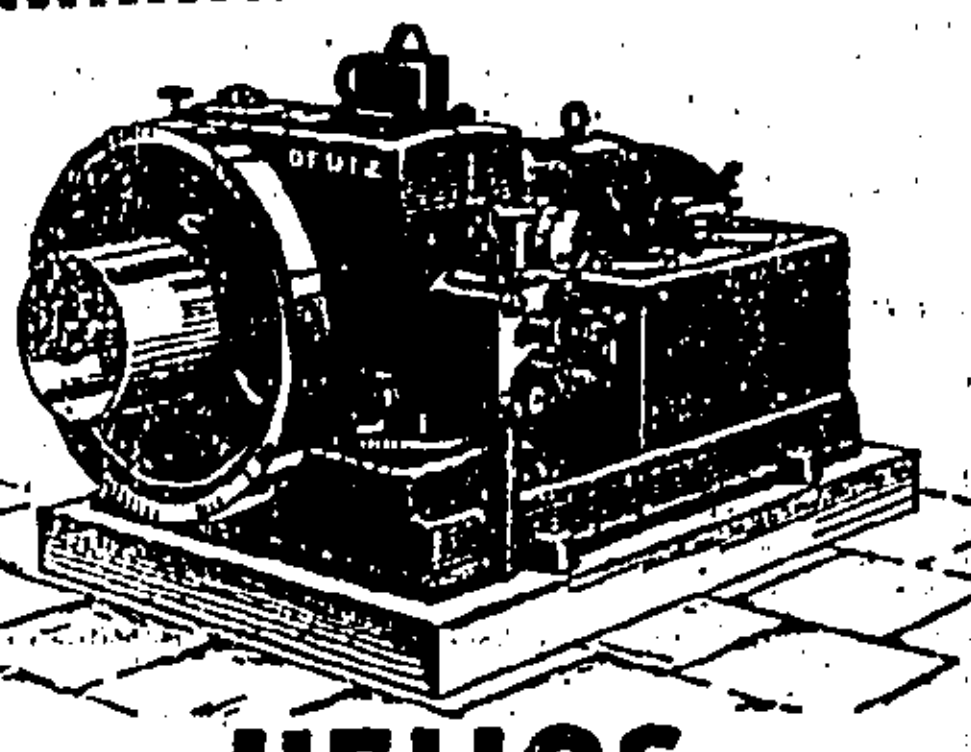
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TO EARN HIS KREP.

The young lady with the Sealy
hams will always prove a happy
memory. I met her near Bickley at
early morning. She was exercising
half a dozen of those dogs, and they
were full of whyness and mis-
chief.

I played Don Quixote to this
maiden in distress, rounded her dogs
up and, after explanations, she took
me to her father with a view to a
job of work for a breakfast, a bath,
and a shave.

It was a capital breakfast, taken
with the family. Afterwards I
shaved and changed.

"This will take three hours' work
to pay off," I said. "What can I
do?"

"My motor-car wants a wheel
changed and a new tube put in,"
said my host.

I did that.

GOO-GOO EYES.
The family were going out, most
of them, but I insisted on more
work, and thus I was handed over
to the tender mercies of the maid
in the kitchen.

She made goo-goo eyes at me, sat
on the table and smoked. It was a
great joke to her. But I was as
solemn as a saint, and I do not
think it pleased her.

Her brain was racked to provide
some imposition for me. Inatten-
tion to kitchen charms must be
punished.

"The drains want cleaning out,"
she said presently.

"Right-oh," I said. "Give me
brushes and something to clear
away the dirt with."

"You will have to do it with
your arms," she said maliciously.

So down on my knees I went, my
arms thrust in the wretched drains,
and I eventually cleared them.

"Now wash the dishes," she said.

She sat back on a tilted chair,
her feet on the table, and laughed
with glee as I settled to the job.

"Anything more?" I asked when
I had finished.

"Scrub the kitchen floor," said
this martinet.

How I could have slapped her as
she rocked with joy!

"Take up the mats and shake
'em," she ordered.

SECOND MEAL EARNED.
I did two hours of kitchen work,
and I hope the drains are all choked,
and plenty of company comes,
and the kitchen gets covered with
tar marks, so as to make that grin-
ning kitchenmaid work.

I earned my second meal that
day by wheeling crazy paving
stones, and at night I clipped a
hedge for supper and a lodging in
a tool shed.

I did not see any reason why
my last employer on one day should
not be the first employer on the
next—this was not against the
spirit of the wager, which was that
I should do three separate jobs per
day and earn three meals, so when
morning came I rose early and did
a lot of weeding.

When the good man came down,
he started me on making a rockery,
and after that painting the veran-
dah.

Thus I earned a meal again, and
another clean collar.

Aching in every limb—for as you
will see the honest hobo business
means either working or walking
the whole time except for sleep—I
ambled off for Orpington to a friend
of my last employer. He was out
at a cricket party. It was Sunday,
and it suddenly dawned on me that
on Sunday the British workman
requires extra rate of pay. That
was to the good, anyway.

There were plenty of men in the
front gardens of the villas on Sun-
day morning. One was making a
contrivance of wood—a sort of
baby's crèche or cage. He seemed
glad of help, and I assembled the
already cut pieces of this movable
little infant prison, and cleaned the
family plate, and they gave me a
meal for it.

Then came a poser. "You are
fond of babies?" said the lady of
the house, having admired the in-
terest I took in the crèche.

BABY-MINDING.

"Oh, yes—yes," I stammered.
"Love 'em, I do."

"We have to go out for a little
while," she said. "The baby is
sleeping. Would you give an ear
to him?"

"Certainly," I replied, but I felt
all over goosey-like.

They had not been gone five
minutes when that infant woke and
yelled. It yelled more when it saw
me. I gave the youngster every-
thing I could to play with, but my
face seemed to annoy it. How
thankful I was when the fond
parents returned and took the how-
ling child from me with indignant
looks! I vow they thought I had
been pinching it or sticking pins
in its anatomy.

An elderly man was cutting his
lawn in the evening, and I begged
work. "What do you want for it?"

"A little bread and cheese, and
a glass of beer or a cup of tea."

"Where's the catch?" he asked.

"There is no catch," said I. "I
honestly want a meal, and am pre-
pared to work for it."

"Right," he said, and promptly
relinquished the lawn mower and
dropped into a chair while I pushed
the machine over the grass.

He proved a downright good sort,
though—took me in and gave me a
supper of hot soup, cold mutton
and mint sauce, green peas and
potatoes, some trifle with a kick of
brandy in it, a bottle of beer, and
some gruyere cheese.

HIGH VALUE.

He sat up talking with me until
two in the morning, and during the
conversation he dealt me out two
whiskies and sodas and eight ciga-
rettes. I had something heavy to
pay for in work before I went.

"Let me offer you a bed," he
asked two or three times, but I re-
fused that, though I accepted his
offer of the couch.

When he went up he lent me a
suit of pyjamas and told me where
the bathroom was, and I found
when I was early astir next morn-
ing that he had put out a razor
and a nail brush.

I do not think I overdid it in
valuing the sofa and the refreshing
night's rest at a shilling. The meal
I put down at five shillings, and
the whiskies and cigarettes at two
shillings, the beer at a shilling.

Against this I had only earned the
night before two shillings.

He agreed to my reckoning for
doing the lawn, so I had something
like seven shillings to make good
before I had breakfast and left.

I did it. I was up at five o'clock,
and all that morning I was paying
off my debts, including further
acknowledgment for breakfast, by
digging, weeding, manuring, tying
up roses, painting the trellis and all
kinds of hardy jobs.

THE LAST DAY.

My last 24 hours of this tramp
for work had begun. The week
should have finished at nine o'clock
next night, or with my third meal,
but I had an important engagement
on the last day, and my friends with
whom I made the wager agreed to
let me off at two o'clock in the
afternoon.

I had started off on this penulti-
mate day about midday, having
worked all the morning paying off
the splendid "blow out" I had the
night before, and my breakfast.

My second meal was earned in
quite ordinary fashion. I was given
a job to trim a tennis court and
clip off with scissors about 350 feet
of dead pinks that formed a border
round the garden.

HELPING A D.S.O.

Towards night I met the only ser-
vice man encountered during the
week. He was a D.S.O., and took
part in a world-renowned engage-
ment. He was busy with crazy pay-
ing—there seems a terrible run on
it just now—and I wired in at his
indication and helped to finish it.

A supper, a bottle of beer, and a
rest in his shed were the reward.

I was 14 or 15 miles from Lon-
don, and about midnight I got up
and started for town on the last
lap of the pilgrimage.

Like a horse going home to his
stable I legged it hard, and some
time about dawn I reached the office
of the "Daily Express." Several
people on my journey had said,
"You ought to write this for the
papers," and I thought perhaps I
could just dot down a para-
graph or two and that might
earn my breakfast, leaving
me one more meal to win

before claiming the tonner each
from my five clubmates who had bet
me two to one. I couldn't do the
task.

EMBANKMENT WALK.
The "Daily Express" latest edi-
tions were just being "put to bed"
—I think that is the term for going
to press—so I determined to look
round later in the morning. But
I still had to get that breakfast.

I wandered down to the Embank-
ment. A woman and a man were
busy with a coffee-stall.

"I wonder if you would give me
a cup of tea and something, and in
return I will wash up the dishes or
do any odd job," I said.

"What's the matter with you?"
asked the woman. "Aren't you
well?"

I explained that I badly wanted
a breakfast and was willing to
work for it.

That woman had a good heart.
"Come inside, ducky," she said.
"You poor thing. Here's a cup of
coffee." She handed out a "hot
dog" or something of the sort with
it.

"But I'm afraid I can't accept
unless you will let me work for it,"
I said. "You see, I'm doing this
for a wager, and I must work for
all I get."

This roused the interest of the
man immediately.

"Good for you, matey," he said.
"Here, have some cigarettes."

"I have a bit on sometimes,
ucky," said the woman. She was
all for discussing the race meetings,
and with my mouth full of "hot
dog" I tried to join in about the
gee-gees.

GENEROUS COCKNEYS.
After I had finished I washed
up the dishes and cleaned the win-
dows, though the woman did not
wish "ucky" to do so.

When I left, the woman pushed
a packet in my hand.

"A few fags, ducky," she said.
The man handed me his box of
matches.

Nobody must ever tell me that
Cockneys are not generous.

At 11 o'clock I presented myself
at the "Daily Express" office.

"I have what I think is a good
paragraph for you," I said. "The
only payment I want is that you
will stand me a lunch."

I told the story and had my lunch
at the Press Club. It was now two
o'clock, and my task was done: I
had won my bet. When I went back
to the office from lunch I was
asked to write my experiences fully.

And thus I have recorded them.
Of course, in addition to winning
the £50 wager I have verified my
statement at the club.

What are my conclusions on the
whole matter?

JOBS FOR ANY ONE.
First, I am of definite opinion
that any honest man who is not
afraid of hard work, and who has
no dependant, can walk round the
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London and get odd jobs.

He will not get a lot of money
at it, but can earn 10s. a day or its
equivalent.

Any man trying it should accept
my advice.

Don't try to impose on women.
They will probably shut the door
in your face.

Don't call at meal times. Go
on till you see a man about his
garden or outhouse, and then
apply.

I am quite sure that a man work-
ing, say, six hours a day could get
two jobs, and would receive at
least a meal and 3s. for each job.

I returned sun-blistered, bone
tired, thoroughly weary, but a
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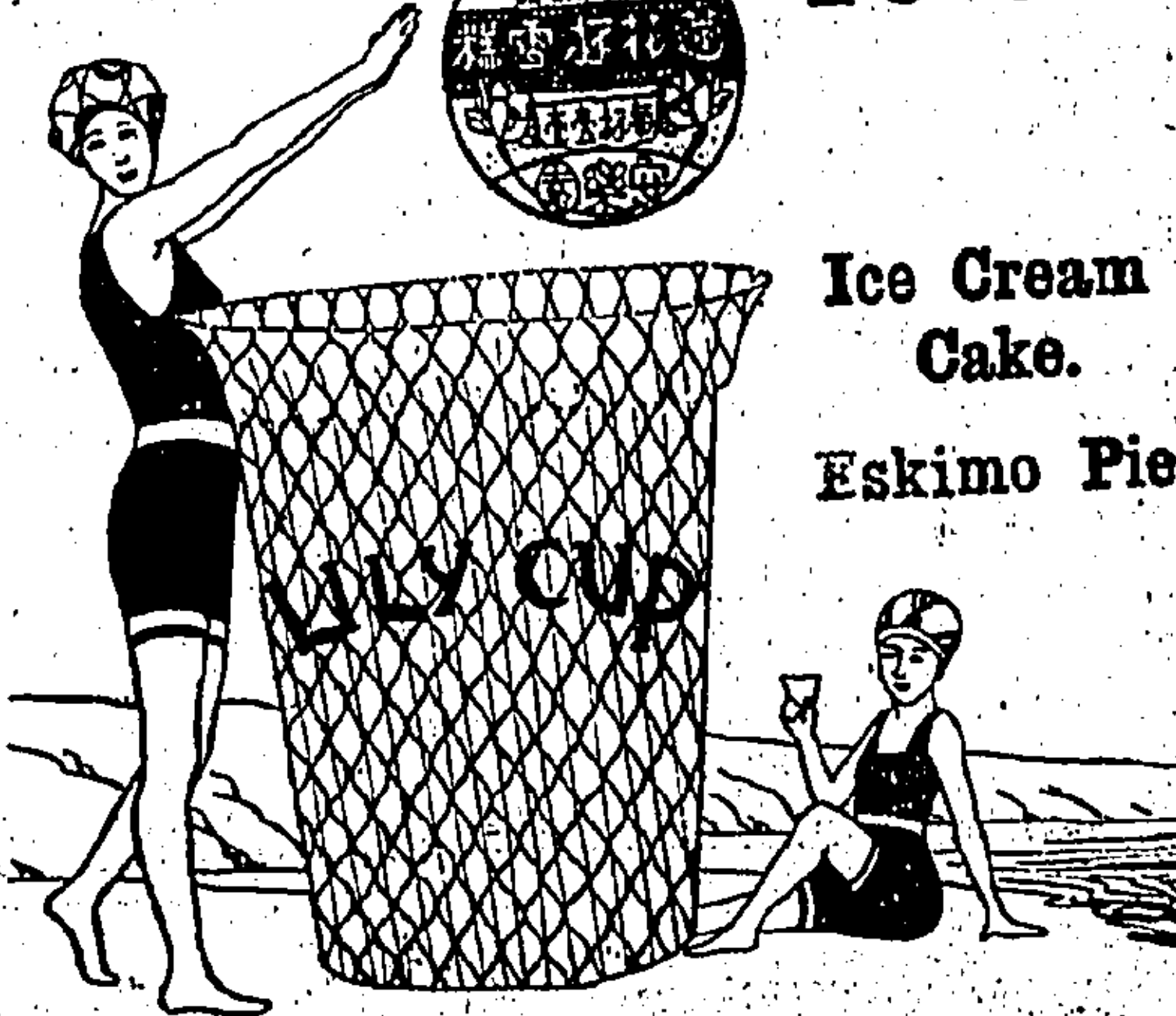
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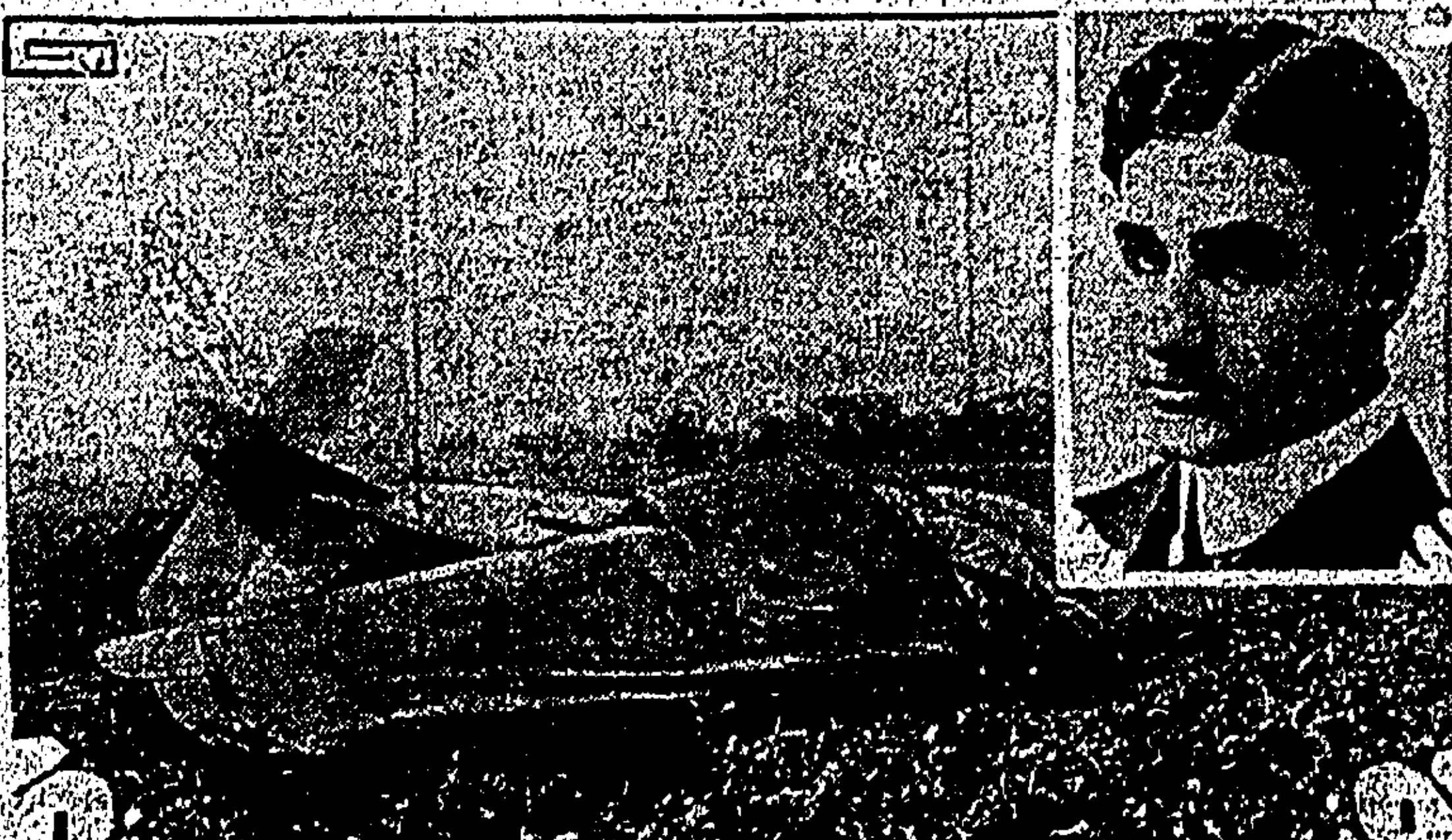
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HONG KONG SWIMMERS DO WELL AT CANTON.

THREE-DAYS' MEETING.

Two of the Hong Kong representatives, who went to Canton to compete in the interport aquatic meeting, have distinguished themselves.

These are Mr. Chan Chun-hing (Chinese Athletic Association) who obtained three firsts and one third place and Mr. Wong Man-huen, (Chinese Bathing Club) who obtained two firsts and two second places. Each got 16 points, the highest for individuals. The Hong Kong women representatives also did very well.

The meeting was held at the Ching Wu Athletic Association's bathing beach at Tung Shan, Canton, on Sept. 15-18.

Macao athletes were also invited.

Admiral Chan Chak, commander of the Canton Navy, was elected chairman of the meeting.

THE HEARTS.

MANAGER MCARTNEY ON THE OUTLOOK.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS.

The ninth post-war season finds the Hearts kicking off with brighter prospects than has been their lot since the famous days of 1914. Even our most severe critics of recent years have regarded our prospects in a most favourable light, and while confessing to an optimistic feeling myself, it is a true saying that the "best laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley."

Still, the fact that the club opens the season with so little adverse criticism is something to be thankful for, and its absence will have a very helpful effect on the boys who one and all, are anxious to show that they mean business. In meeting Queen's Park we are up against a stiff proposition, for in this game there are all the elements which go to make a real hard tussle.

The Hampdenites will want to show their old goalkeeper what they can do, and it is well known that Glasgow will want to show the world that the Hearts have not yet got a championship team! By the time these notes are read we will know how we have fared in our initial effort of the season to bring long delayed honours to the East.

Last season a bad start handicapped us in our late efforts to overtake the League leaders, and there is no doubt that a better beginning would have made our task a lighter and perhaps a successful one. The moral of last season's bad start has not been forgotten, and I hope this season will prove that one lesson is sufficient for the boys.

PROMISING TALENT.

The practice games revealed promising talent in our younger players, most of whom would not discredit the League team even now, but so well were the recognised players of last season performing, that it is only fair they, reinforced with such players as Harkness, Bennie, and Battles, should be given an opportunity to carry the maroon colours to their rightful place in Scottish football—the League championship.

The younger players must be congratulated on their fine displays in the practice games, and with so many capable reserves ready to step up, the League team will have to give of their very best to retain their places. This should be reflected in improved team work and a strong desire to keep the team to the fore.

Of the newcomers to Tynecastle, we have players of the right stock in Barney Battles and John Somers, two names to conjure with, worthy sons of illustrious fathers on the football field. To our older supporters these names recall memories of stirring fights of the past, when the fathers of these boys made names for themselves in the Celtic ranks.

Their careers with the Hearts will be watched by our older supporters with more than usual interest. My readers might be interested to know that the father of our Somers acted as best man at the marriage of his friend Barney Battles when they were associated together at Parkhead.

A good stroke of business was done when we secured the services of Scotland's international goalkeeper, Jack Harkness. Jack's chief ambition as a footballer has been to play for the Hearts. The magnetic influence of Tynecastle was also felt by Bob Bennie who, like Harkness, comes to us with a first-class reputation.

Charlie Cowie and Willie Currie, two of our young defenders, have joined the Tynecastle ranks imbued with the spirit of achieving great things, and much is expected of these promising centre half-backs. It is indeed fortunate for us that Charlie is equally as good at right half, and in the event of being

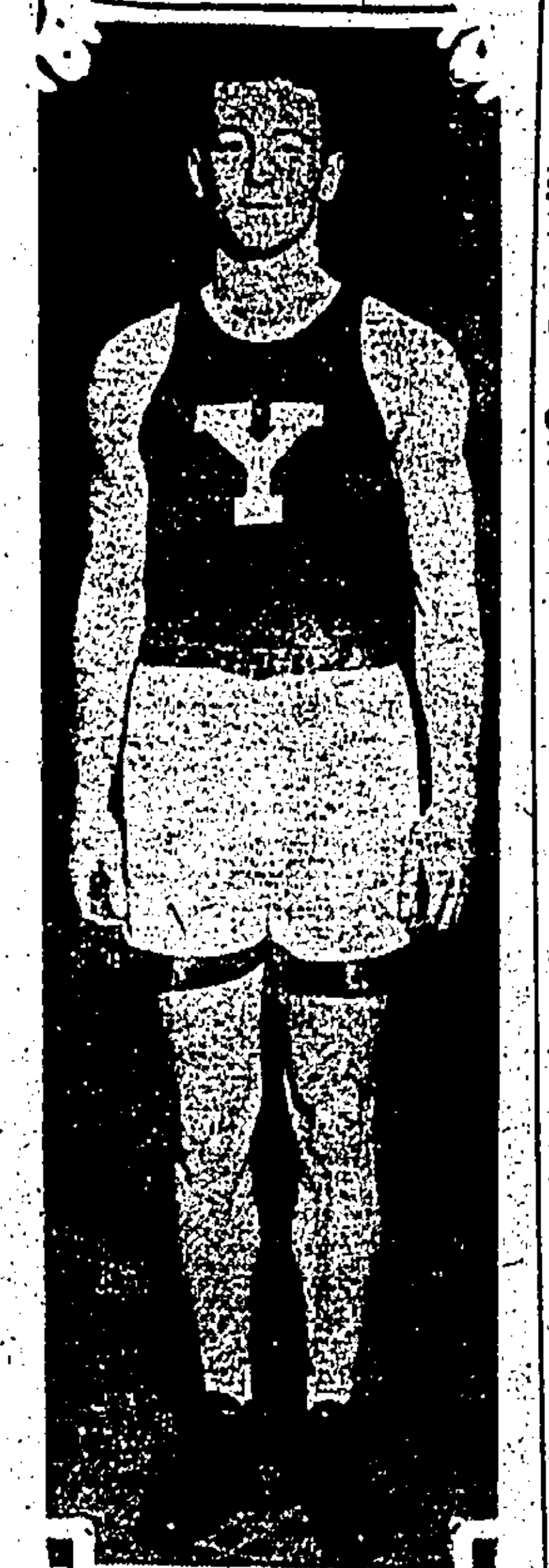
needed for this position there is no doubt he would worthily fill it. Although we appear to be well supplied with players, my directors do not intend to rest their case, for a very keen lookout is being kept to secure the service of a first-class inside right.

That we should have to write of our ill-luck so early in the season goes to show that undue optimism is justifiable only when there is no such thing as bad luck. Much was expected of our young right wing, Rogers and Miller, but a further injury to Tommy's knee is a bad blow to the team and the player himself.

None is more disappointed than Peter Kerr, whose able backing has done much to bring the best out of these lads. Still, the season has its full length to run, and we might yet see these players scintillating on the wing as they did during last season.

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS.

The close season has found my directors making worthy efforts to provide for the greater comfort of our supporters. It would be seen at the practice games that work on ground improvements was still in progress. The extra ground taken in at the south-west corner and the carrying of the terracing over the Gorgie entrance should ensure extra



Sabir Carr of Yale who easily defeated the best competition Europe could offer in the pole vault at the Olympic games. He topped the bar at 4.20 metres (13 feet 9.6/16 inches) for a new international record.

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In addition, the ground will be completely terraced, which will ensure all seeing the game in greater comfort in the future. The playing pitch has received the usual careful attention, and with the surrounding track covered with red ash the enclosure will be one of the neatest and most compact grounds in Scotland when it is finished.

The dressingrooms have been completely renovated, while the bathroom has been tiled and brought up to date—innovations which add to the comfort of the players, who are all very proud of their new quarters.

Mr. William C. P. Brown, our worthy chairman, has been the leading spirit in these improvements. But, after all, the directors, along with myself, realise that it is the team that matters, and my readers can rest assured that our aims and

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Principals in "Big Top" Romance.



Here's the first photo of Lillian Litzel—now Mrs. Alfred Cordi—and her circus husband, following their wedding recently under the "big top" in Chicago. The queen of all circuses and her acrobatic hubby plan to keep on amusing the public despite their new domestic status. The circus star and the boy of her heart have been sweethearts since childhood.

Wins Grand Prix.



Pierre Honore, nineteen, who has just been awarded the Grand Prix de Rome for his sculptural study of St. Francis of Assisi. He is a student at the Beaux Arts Academy.

A Child Bride.



Lilly Strain Geers, 12 years old, of Baltimore, who, it was revealed in court, became the bigamous bride of Dewey Geers, 28, blinded World War veteran. The ex-soldier is alleged to have deserted his wife and two children to marry the 12-year-old girl.

Makes Hole in One.



Solon Gray, 18, of Atlanta, found the end of the rainbow on the Druid Hill links when he holed out in one and collected nearly \$500 in prize money, the hole having been endowed several years ago.

A Big Action.



Mrs. Hester Stiles, wife of an operatic and concert singer, who has filed suit in Los Angeles for \$250,000 against Mrs. John B. MacQuinn, charging the latter with alienation of her husband's affections.

His Lordship Wins—Twice.



Lord Burghley of England won first place in the 400-metre hurdles at the Olympic games by covering the distance in 53.2-5 seconds—a world's record. But his greatest victory was in winning the hand of the beautiful Lady Mary Montague Douglas Scott (inset), fourth daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch. The engagement was announced by Lady Mary's parents simultaneously with word of Lord Burghley's success at Amsterdam.

Will He Succeed Gene Tunney?



With Gene about to make an "important announcement"—boxing writers have it that he'll retire—speculation is rife over the question of his successor in the realm of Fistsiana. Will Johnny Risko, the Cleveland baker boy, inherit the title? Some believe he will. The picture shows Johnny wishing Gene good luck on the eve of his fight with Heeney.

Romance Is Not Dead Yet.



George D. Noobling, son of a wealthy Philadelphia family, is a throwback to the age of chivalry. He fought a duel for his "lady fair" and then tried to take his life because he couldn't get a job as an actor. The lady in question, Billy Nelson, is consoling him in hospital, whilst he was taken after leaping 70 feet to the hard pavement.

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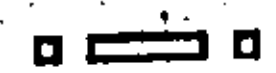
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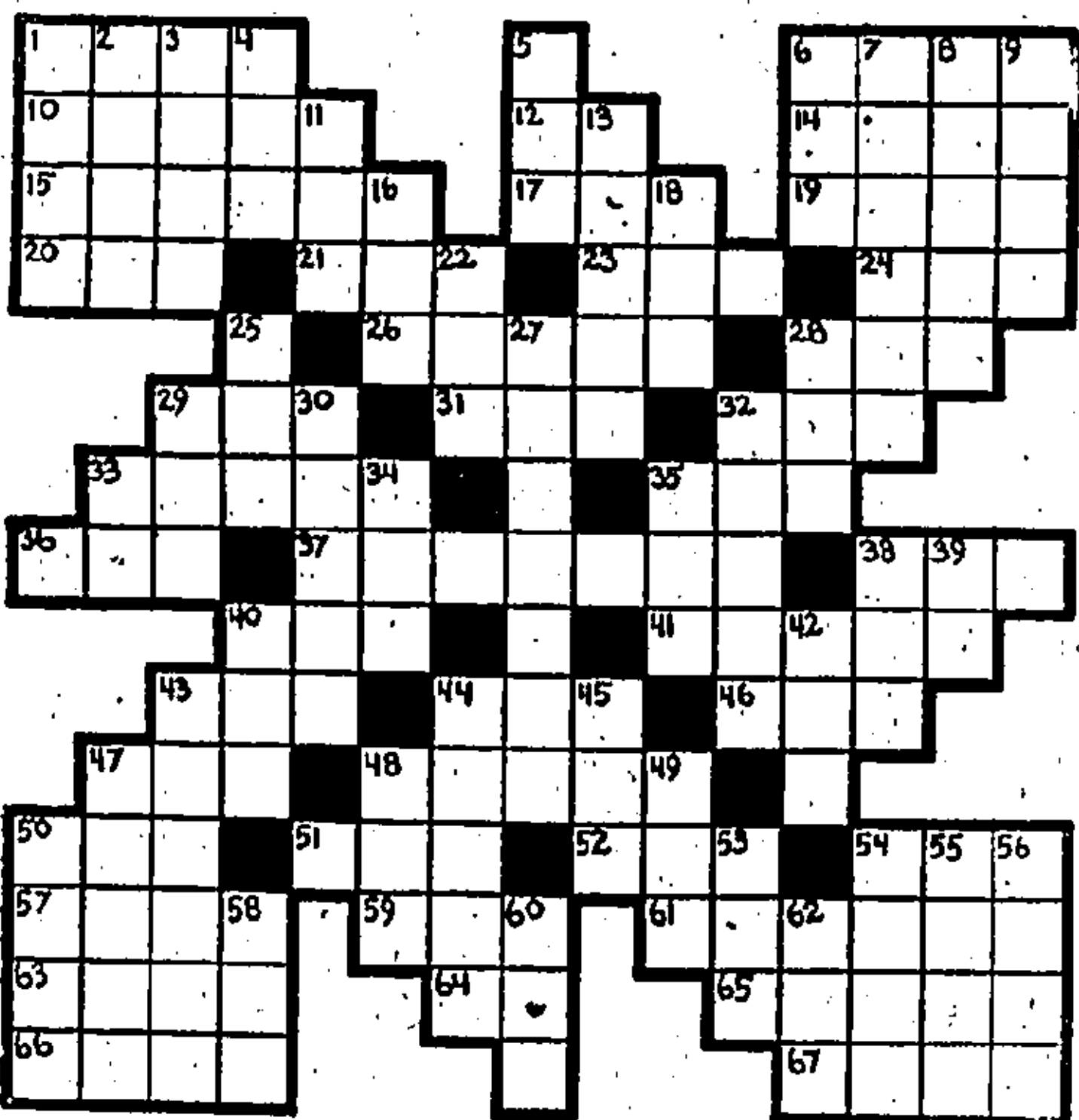
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1—What is an Egyptian of ancient descent called?
- 6—To suggest indirectly
- 10—Eskimo's home
- 12—On a higher place
- 14—Scout
- 16—Realities
- 17—A notable period
- 19—German feminine article
- 20—Word of assent
- 21—Possessive pronoun
- 22—To mis one's aim
- 24—A month (abbr.)
- 26—Who was the inventor of the telegraph?
- 28—A playing card
- 29—Convulsion
- 31—Existed
- 32—Every
- 33—What was the old name for the Swiss Lake Geneva?
- 35—What is the poetical name for India?
- 37—Loliterer
- 38—Uncontrollable fear
- 40—A high mountain
- 41—A small anchor
- 43—Climbing plant
- 44—A river in S. E. Russia
- 45—To treat
- 47—Negro society, "dia"

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 48—Trivial
- 50—A compass point (abbr.)
- 51—What is the Latin for "nothing?"
- 52—A tree
- 54—Mineral spring
- 57—A square land measure
- 59—Crafty
- 61—To moderate
- 63—To navigate
- 64—Personal pronoun
- 65—Mercantile traffic
- 66—What is a street car called in England?
- 67—A covered colonnade

VERTICAL

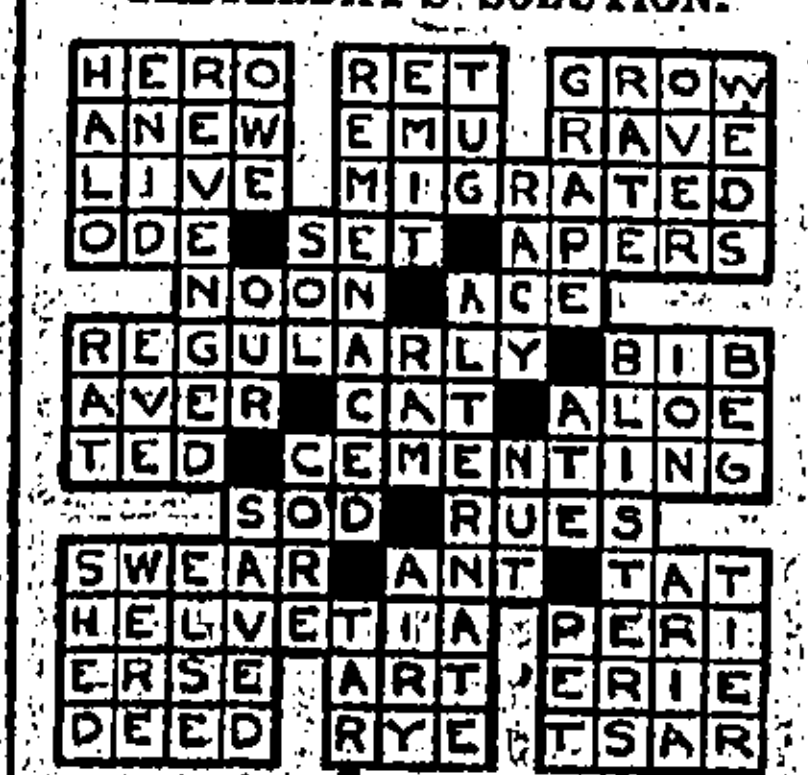
- 1—Large town
- 2—What is a man's eating demon?
- 3—Having an addition of
- 4—A little child
- 5—To regret
- 6—A garden tool
- 7—Fatally
- 8—Present time
- 9—A former allowance for waste
- 11—Interjection
- 13—What are newspapers collectively called?

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 16—To present in brief
- 18—Exist
- 22—Faint file
- 25—Obscure
- 27—What is the capital of Lower Burma?
- 28—Conjunction
- 29—Not many
- 30—Record
- 32—What are the highest mountains of S. America?
- 33—A musical note
- 34—Short slumber
- 35—To weary
- 38—Time-period
- 39—Personal pronoun
- 40—Hall (Latin)
- 42—Swarthy
- 43—What was the old name of the Spanish-Portuguese peninsula?
- 44—To delay
- 45—No
- 47—Man's name
- 48—Twice
- 49—To hire
- 50—The Orient is what?
- 53—Moist
- 54—A petty dispute
- 55—Combining form
- 56—Foot
- 60—Any open space
- 60—A shade-tree
- 62—Still
- 62—Married woman's title (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the island and Mainland is published:

Island	Feet
Victoria Peak	1822
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1764
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
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Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Alterbeds)	297
Mainland	Feet
Tai Mo Shan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

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FORTUNES FOR THE SHOE
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WORK FOR AN ARTIST.

Paris.—Shoe-shining is the latest mental occupation to be lifted to the dignity of an art.

This has been made possible by the modern woman's craze for shoes which are in as infinite variety as jewellery and sometimes almost as expensive.

Millionaires' wives are now wearing walking shoes which have to be painted every day with fresh coats of gold and silver paint.

Some of this ultra-expensive footwear is decorated with miniature flowers and delicate designs, which only an artist can carry out. Consequently when madame's shoes become dusty or are tarnished with the slightest spot of rain she has to appeal to the real artist to refurbish them.

There are only a few specialists in Paris who can carry out this work, and the demands upon their services are such that they are earning enormous incomes. One of them, who is in business near the Madeleine, has been the king of Parisian shoe-shiners for more than 30 years, and he proudly recalls that he used to shine the shoes of the late King Edward VII.

MR. LOUIS TRACY.

DEATH OF FAMOUS NOVELIST
AND JOURNALIST.

Mr. Louis Tracy, the well-known author and journalist, whose death at his home, Dunholme, Sellage, near Ashford, Kent, occurred recently was for many years a contributor to London papers.

He entered the profession of journalism in 1884, at the age of 21, by joining the staff of the "Northern Echo" at Darlington. After gaining experience there and at Cardiff, followed by four years in India, he came to London and acquired an interest in the "Evening News," with the late Lord Northcliffe and others, in 1894.

In 1895 he published his first novel, "The Final War," and from that time onwards his output of fiction was continuous and rapid. He wrote in all more than 30 novels, sometimes publishing as many as three in a single year.

During the European War Mr. Tracy devoted himself to propaganda in favour of the Allied cause in the United States.

When peace returned he continued to keep in touch with the United States, where he collected many thousands of pounds for the Westminster Abbey Restoration Fund. He wrote eight novels after the war.

A summons against Lord Morven Dallas Cavendish-Bentick, son of the Duke of Portland, for alleged dangerous motor-driving was adjourned for a fortnight by the Stevenage (Hertfordshire) Bench.

GERMANY'S 30,000,000.

BRITAIN WITH 101 LIBRARIES &
17 MILLION VOLUMES.

U.S. NOT OVERLOOKED.

Berlin.—An Argentine statistician who has taken the trouble to compute the world's stock of books has arrived at the conclusion that Germany is far and away the richest country in that respect. According to reports in the German press the Argentine gentleman confined his researches to larger libraries containing more than fifty thousand volumes, and did not of course go into the intricate question of private book collections. His figures are nevertheless illuminating. They concern 1,039 libraries in different parts of the earth, and a sum total of 187 million volumes. Large as the latter figure may seem, it is still well below the world's requirements because it does not allow of "one book per man" even if one takes into account all the children who amuse themselves in less intellectual ways than by reading.

Unsatisfactory Distribution.

The distribution of the world's books appears to be even more unsatisfactory than their number. Asia has only 23 libraries which can boast of more than 50,000 volumes, while Africa has no more than three libraries of that size. South America has 23 libraries with a total of 2.3 million volumes, while North America has as many as 314 libraries aggregating 54.1 million books.

After Germany, whose 160 libraries house some 30 million volumes, comes England with 101 libraries and 17 million volumes. Other European book-owning nations are, in order of precedence, Italy, Austria, Belgium, Holland, Poland and Spain.

WHY SOME GIRLS ARE NOT POPULAR.

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LOEWENSTEIN WILL.

HUSBAND'S SIMPLE WILL ALL
TO HIS WIFE.

SMALL DEATH DUTIES.

Brussels.—In conversation with a person whose reliability is beyond question, a correspondent learned that Captain Alfred Loewenstein's will, which was dated a year before his death, was extremely simple.

Mme. Loewenstein has to all intents and purposes for the present control over the whole of her late husband's fortune. Captain Loewenstein, knowing that this might be the case, asked her to go for whatever advice she might need to one or other of his intimate business or personal friends. This was the essential part of the will.

There are no executors of the estate, nor have any members of the family or anybody else been appointed by Mme. Loewenstein to administer it.

In Belgian law Mme. Loewenstein has the following three indisputable rights to the fortune:—

Her marriage contract stipulates that she shall receive one-half of it. The law provides that the widow shall have the usufruct of one half of her husband's estate.

Captain Loewenstein's son, who inherits half of his father's fortune, is a minor, and until he comes of age his mother is legal guardian to protect the interests of the ward.

Death Duties.
M. Alfred Ectos, father of the family notary, has been appointed surrogate or deputy guardian.

The value Captain Loewenstein's estate is stated to be more than £5,500,000—a figure that has been mentioned.

Death duties would not be heavy. The duty payable on the son's share of the estate is only 7½ per cent.

As regards Mme. Loewenstein's half, the percentage cannot be fixed at the moment for the following reason:—Included in her inheritance are property and goods which were held in common by husband and wife and which now revert to her. The value of these is not taken into account for taxation purposes.

INSECT BITE DEATHS.

Lieut.-Colonel Robert Frank Byron Hodgkinson, a Newark, Nottinghamshire solicitor and antiquarian, who took the King and Queen over Newark Castle a month ago, died following an insect bite.

The sting of a wasp caused the death of Mrs. Agnes Lucy Malthouse, aged 62, of the Abergavenny Arms, Rodmell Village, near Lewes, Sussex. The wasp got under her glasses and stung her on the eye. She became unconscious and died three days later.

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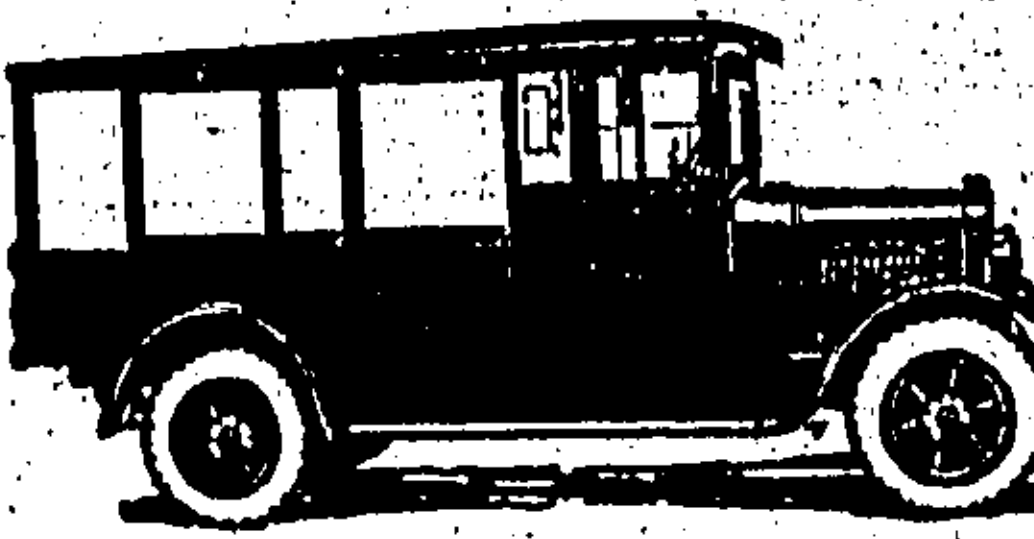
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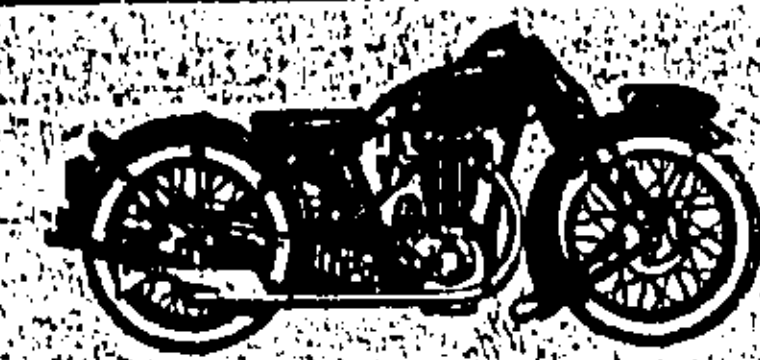


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Japan and Shanghai	Kashgar	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

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For	Per	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.
Formosa	Sanuki Maru	8.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	4.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Yunnan	4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Holchow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hanoi	5 p.m.
Bangkok	Skule	8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 2nd Oct. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	Tango Maru	10.30 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru	10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels noon. Letters 1 p.m.	Yuenang	12.30 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei and Daluy	Changchow	12.30 p.m.
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 21st Oct. K.P.O. Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	Achilles	1.30 p.m.
Sandakan	Mausang	2.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing Lee	2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Manila and Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Rhineland	3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Hosang	5 p.m.
Japan	Aki Maru	9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Poonchow	Halvard	11 a.m.
Cebu	Phebus	2.30 p.m.

U.S.A. AND DUTCH OIL LANDS. DISPUTE SETTLED.

AMERICANS MAY NOW EXPLORE DUTCH EAST INDIES. MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

Washington, Yesterday. The long-standing controversy between Holland and the United States about the right of their nationals to explore oil lands in each other's territory has been settled.

THE TORNADO.

MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY FROM THE KING.

THE LATEST DETAILS.

Halifax, Yesterday. The hurricane has caused numerous fatalities in the British West Indies. Fifty are reported dead from Montserrat, and 8,000 are homeless. The town of Plymouth is laid flat and only one church is standing. The island population requests help and supplies.

Nineteen have been killed at Nevis Island and St. Kitts Island. 33 are known to have been killed and 140 injured on the east coast of Florida. Messages from Bimini state that the island has been devastated but there is no loss of life. "Rum Row" in south Bimini is believed to have suffered severe losses in small shipping and liquor stocks.—Reuter.

Messages to Governors. London, Yesterday. H.M. the King has sent messages of sympathy to the Governors of the Leeward Islands, Bahamas and Jamaica at the loss of life and damage resulting from the hurricane.

The Admiralty announce that in consequence of the hurricane in the West Indies the cruiser "Durban" has been ordered to proceed to Colon in case help is required in the Bahamas. The visits of "Durban" to Acapulco and Punta Arena have accordingly been cancelled. Prince George is serving on "Durban"—British Wireless Service.

Partial Restoration. New York, Yesterday. With partial restoration of communications it is learnt that at least 150 persons were killed at Miami in the hurricane, which is now en route to the north towards Cape Hatteras leaving a trail of wreckage and deaths on the eastern coast of Florida.—Reuter's American Service.

The Latest Figures. Atlanta, Georgia, Yesterday. The damage at Palm Beach and country in the vicinity alone is estimated at \$25,000,000 and probably 250 persons were killed and thousands injured.—Reuter's American Service.

BOY'S SUMMONS. PREFECT AND CHARGE OF BEATING.

Stamford, Lincolnshire. The magistrates at Stamford Petty Sessions heard a case in which John King Day, a prefect of Stamford Grammar School, is summoned for, it is alleged, assaulting and beating John Henry Davis, aged 10, a pupil at the school, says the "Daily Mail" to hand.

MORE TALK ABOUT DISARMAMENT. NEW PROPOSAL.

GENEVA COMMITTEE WANTS TO HOLD PARIS MEETING. NOT POPULAR.

Geneva, Yesterday. M. Loudon, Chairman of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, informed the Third Committee that the League will be proposed to ask France, Britain, Italy, Japan and the United States to instruct their delegates on the Disarmament Commission to attend a private meeting in Paris in order that those Governments, who disagreed with certain important points in the draft Disarmament Convention, should reach an understanding as an agreement between the great Naval Powers was of paramount importance. If an agreement were reached in Paris he promised it would not delay the summoning of the next meeting of the Disarmament Committee. Alternatively, he invited the League Assembly to fix a date.

Lord Cushendun replied that it was unlikely that M. Loudon's invitation would be accepted by any of the Powers.

No Great Expectations. Lord Cushendun added that M. Loudon, by inviting the signatories to the Washington Convention to Paris, the meeting proposed would antedate the review of that convention which had already been fixed for 1931. He proposed that the signatories should consider naval disarmament under quite different auspices and from totally different angles. Therefore, it was desirable that great expectations should not be aroused as to the possibility of a far-reaching agreement upon naval disarmament upon the proposition made in this manner, which the Governments had no opportunity to consider. He had the gravest doubt whether Britain would accept.

Debate Adjourned. M. Paul Boncour (France) urged that the Disarmament Conference should meet by the end of 1928 or the beginning of 1929. The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.—Reuter.

SIR T. BEECHAM. "ARTISTIC TEMPERAMENT" AND AN OVERSIGHT.

Mr. Edward Marjoribanks, on behalf of Sir Thomas Beecham, appeared before Judge Sir Alfred Topham at Westminster County Court during mail week and asked permission to mention the case of Carmart, Ltd., against Sir Thomas Beecham.

"The case," said Mr. Marjoribanks, "excited a good deal of publicity, and I wish to explain how the matter arose." "Two claims," said Mr. Marjoribanks, "were made against Sir Thomas Beecham, one of which was paid, and in respect of the other Sir Thomas, who thought that he had an answer, proposed to defend it. Unfortunately he had to go away to America upon a musical tour, and judgment was signed in his absence."

"He heard no more about the matter and was extremely busy at the time in organizing a large artistic work in opera, when a man came and served him with a judgment summons." He said to him: "Of course, you will tell my solicitors, and the matter will be settled."

"Sir Thomas is an artist, and perhaps a great musical artist, and fully realises the limitations of the artistic temperament, and places himself in such matters in the hands of his lawyers entirely." "He looked to the lawyers to settle this matter for him. However, it was not mentioned to his solicitors. He heard no more about it and presumed that the matter was settled. The first thing he knew about it was through the report in the newspapers. And he wishes to apologise to your Honour in the circumstances."

TRIAL FLIGHT OF NEW "ZEP." A SUCCESS.

PILOT HOPES TO MAKE TRIP TO U.S. THIS YEAR. EXPERTS SCEPTICAL.

Friedrichshafen, Yesterday. The German-American air mail service has been brought nearer by the successful trial flight of a new Zeppelin in a two-hour cruise over Lake Constance.

TRADE REVIVAL? CHINA MERCHANTS SENSE BETTER TIMES.

A SHANGHAI OPINION.

Shanghai, Sept. 16. With the end of China's civil wars, Chinese merchants are expecting and hoping for a sharp trade revival, especially in exports and especially in their trade with the United States. Chinese raw materials are finding a steadily increasing market in the United States. With more settled conditions in China's interior making possible shipment of products to the coast for export, her export trade for 1929 is expected to show an increase over previous years which have been much affected by the wholesale wars.

During the first half of 1928 Chinese exports to the United States amounted to Gold \$76,974,195, according to consular reports compiled here. This trade was done under adverse conditions. The total for the last half of the year is expected to be greater and with continued peace coming years are expected to show decided increase.

Textiles form an important part of the exports to America. Of the amount for the first six months of 1928, more than half was in textiles, raw silk exports alone being worth Gold 15,569,471. Sheep's wool is another important item while hides, skins, furs and other inedible animal products are being exported in increasing amounts. Hog's tooth brushes is a fast increasing business with American manufacturers.

Food exports for the period recently closed reached a large total, one item being 46,000,000 pounds of peanuts, valued at more than two and a half million dollars.—Associated Press.

BOUND FOR HOME. U.S. MARINES AND GUNNERS LEAVE TIENTSIN.

Tientsin, Yesterday. In connection with the reduction of the American forces in China, the first batch of 350 marines and artillery left for Tongku by light-rail this evening and are joining the U.S. transport "Henderson". The troops left from the British Bund where a large British and American crowd gave them a hearty send-off.—Reuter.

HUNT ALSATIANS. EXPERT FROM INDIA ASSISTS SEARCH AT LEEDS.

London, Aug. 24. Leeds district is excited at a hunt by armed police of two Alsatian dogs which have been raiding poultry, sheep and goats. An organised search of a disused quarry, their supposed lair, had to be abandoned to-day owing to the danger of shooting some of the crowd watching the proceedings.

One expert called in by the Chief Constable of Leeds is Inspector Smithwaite of the Indian (United Provinces) Police, who came to Leeds to study Police methods and has become an instructor in Indian Police methods for hunting animal marauders.



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